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## Temporary measures to prevent trouble during haj

# Saudi Arabia to set quotas on pilgrims

AMMAN, March 23, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia will temporarily limit the size of the annual pilgrimage to Muslim holy sites in the kingdom, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said today.

Last year's haj pilgrimage to Makkah and Madina was marred by bloody clashes between Saudi security forces and Iranian pilgrims in which at least 400 people were killed.

The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), meanwhile, has vowed to aid Saudi Arabia if Israel hits missiles in the kingdom.

Prince Saud told a meeting of the OIC foreign ministers in Amman that the decision to set quotas on pilgrim numbers was

taken in light of "current circumstances and the increasing number of visitors to the kingdom during the haj."

He did not give details of the restrictions, but said they would be in force while a major programme to enlarge the two holy shrines and improve pilgrim facilities was carried out.

**Caused**

Political demonstrations by Iranian pilgrims have caused friction between Tehran and Riyadh since the 1979 Iranian revolution brought Ayatollah Khomeini to power.

Iran has announced it intends to send 150,000 pilgrims to Saudi Arabia for this year's haj.

Prince Saud urged Islamic countries to support Saudi



Prince Saud Al Faisal  
Arabia's measures to prevent trouble at the pilgrimage and to "safeguard its sovereignty."

Iranian people."

Prince Saud said that OIC expressed solidarity with Saudi Arabia in facing the Iranian riots in Makkah last year.

He also said that the organisation supported Saudi measures taken to protect the two holy shrines, and preserve peace and security during the pilgrimage this year.

The OIC nations said today they would support Saudi Arabia in the face of the Israeli "threats" to destroy the kingdom's new intermediate-range missile batteries.

The foreign ministers of the OIC decried any attempt by Israel to "violate international conventions" by attacking the desert kingdom.

Their statement was very

similar in wording to earlier declarations by OIC Secretary-General Shariffudin Pirzada — and by Syria and Jordan, which said they would consider any attack on Saudi Arabia to be an attack on them.

"I am sending a cable to King Fahd supporting his Muslim kingdom and our Saudi brothers against the Israeli threats," Pirzada said.

The official, said the OIC members would support the Saudis "morally and, if necessary, militarily."

Saudi Arabia recently acquired Chinese CSS-2 missiles, which have a range of 2,200 miles (3,500 kilometres). They are capable of being fitted with nuclear warheads, but the Saudis have denied that this will be done.



HH the Amir presenting a certificate to a graduate.

## Amir patronises graduation ceremony

HH the Amir yesterday patronised the graduation ceremony of honours students of colleges and centres of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.

The Amir presented certificates to 269 students.

The graduation ceremony, which was held at the Sabah Al Salem auditorium in Khaldiya, was opened by Education Minister and acting Minister of Higher Education Anwar

Abdulla Al Nouri.

In a speech Nouri said that technology cannot be imported or bought with money but it can be developed through own potentials and values.

He quoted a remark of the Amir in which the Amir said: "We should not ignore a basic reality, that the best and most modern technological equipment and means cannot bear fruit if it was not handled by serious and efficient men."

The education minister said that the applied education and training has occupied a distinguished position in the country's policy, referring to the development plan for 1985-90, which includes plans for such kind of education.

The graduation ceremony was attended by acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, other ministers, sheikhs, senior officials, public figures and parents of students.

## Moscow summit date set

WASHINGTON, March 23, (Reuters): President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will hold their fourth summit from May 29 to June 2 in Moscow, Reagan announced today.

"We can announce that it has been agreed that the Moscow summit will be from May 29 to June 2," Reagan said during a brief appearance in the White House rose garden with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Reagan and Gorbachev, who met previously in Geneva, Reykjavik and last December, in Washington, have said they would like to sign in Moscow a

sweeping treaty halving superpower strategic nuclear weapons.

Asked if such an accord could be finished by May, Reagan told reporters: "I have no way to answer that now."

Asked if the two leaders might at least be able to sign an "agreement in principle" on key strategic arms issues, if not a formal treaty, Reagan said: "I think we had an agreement in principle that even led to this" point on scheduling a summit.

Reagan's comments were nearly drowned out by reporters' questions as Shevardnadze, here to plan the summit, stood nearby.

## 2 killed, 15 hurt in Israeli air raid on Palestinian targets

SIDON, Lebanon, March 23, (Reuters): Israeli jets attacked Palestinian and Lebanese targets in South Lebanon today killing two Palestinian commandos and wounding 15 people in the third air raid this month, security sources said.

They said four planes made five runs within an hour on commando positions in the villages of Abra, Karkha, Bamiyeh, Sharhabil and Majdalyoun near Sidon, south of Beirut.

Two other jets provided cover for the raiding planes which fired at least 25 rockets and dropped time bombs over the hilltop villages.

had a narrow escape.

Security sources said the five consecutive air strikes within one hour targeted Palestinian bases of the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), led by Nayef Hawatmeh, and the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC), headed by Abu Nidal.

**Controls**

The planes also blasted Lebanese positions of the Tawheed Movement, led by Saeed Shaaban, as well as the Popular Liberation Army (PLA) which controls security in Sidon.

"Black smoke billowed over the area and several fires broke out in the tree-lined villages," witnesses said.

Dozens of panic-stricken civilians from nearby villages fled to Sidon as the jets circled for at least an hour before heading back to Israel over the Mediterranean.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military spokesman confirmed the attack.

"All the planes returned safely to base and the pilots reported the destruction of targets," he added.



## Mitterrand seeks a second term

PARIS, March 23, (Reuters): President Francois Mitterrand, trying to show he is not too old for a second term as President, opened his re-election campaign today by plunging into the cauldron of French student politics with a vigorous belying his 71 years.

"It was starting to get boring," Mitterrand told journalists at a Paris higher education exhibition as hundreds of students scuffled with each other, chanting "Mitterrand retire, Mitterrand get lost" or "Hang in there Mitterrand."

The venue for Mitterrand's first visit since announcing he was running for re-election was chosen deliberately to emphasise that, despite his age, he could roll up his sleeves and join the political fray, presidential aides told reporters.

"Let me tell you a secret I wish I was 10 years younger," Mitterrand told a television interviewer after announcing his candidature last evening.

## Pakistan will not recognise Afghan rebel government

AMMAN, March 23, (Reuters): Pakistan will not recognise an interim government formed by anti-Soviet Afghan guerrillas, a senior official said today.

Commerce Minister Mahbubul Haq, representing Pakistan at an Organisation of Islamic Conference meeting in Amman, said: "The OIC should recognise a government chosen freely by the Afghan people after an agreement signed at Geneva and after the return of Afghan refugees."

Asked if Pakistan would recognise the interim mujahedeen government, Haq said: "No, and we don't recognise the Kabul government either."

The 46-member OIC had earlier rejected a request by a seven-party Afghan guerrilla

alliance for OIC recognition of the interim government formed under mujahedeen leader Ahmad Shah.

"Who are we to decide? The test for their popularity is the Afghan people. If they survive the test, the whole world should applaud," Haq told a news conference.

Afghanistan was suspended from the OIC in early 1980 after Soviet troops installed a pro-Moscow government in Kabul.

Haq denied Pakistan was to blame for holding up signing of an agreement at UN-mediated peace talks with Afghanistan in Geneva. The talks are stalled on the issues of aid to the pro-Soviet Kabul government and who should rule after an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops leave the country.

He said Soviet insistence on continuing its aid to the Kabul government after US military supplies to the Afghan mujahedeen rebels ended meant disarming one side in the eight-year-old conflict.

Haq called for a simultaneous stoppage of arms supplies to both sides and commitments by outside powers not to send more weapons to Afghanistan after settlement.

Haq said Jordan's King Hussein, now on an official visit to Pakistan, had discussed Afghanistan with Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and "we greatly appreciate his advice."

But he said Jordan was not mediating formally between Moscow and Islamabad.

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## UN censures US in PLO row

UNITED NATIONS, March 23, (Reuters): The General Assembly, by 148 votes to two, censured the United States today for its action to close the PLO's UN mission.

The assembly, with opposition only from the United States and Israel, adopted a resolution deploring the US failure to comply with obligations under a 1947 agreement that established UN headquarters in New York.

UN Attorney-General Edwin Meece sought a federal court order yesterday to close the mission. This gave the PLO 20 days to respond.

Before the General Assembly vote, United States delegate Herbert Okun said the government would take no further steps to close the mission until the court reached a decision on Meece's action.

"The United States is proudly a country of laws and will defend the legal process," Okun said.

He also said that the United States was proud to be hosting the United Nations and had always taken its obligations under the headquarters agreement seriously.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has called the action against the PLO a clear violation of the agreement.

Okun noted that the Anti-terrorism Act, under which the United States moved to close the mission, was adopted over objections by the executive branch of the government.

Referring to Perez de Cuellar's invoking of a section of the headquarters accord that calls for binding arbitration in case of disputes, Okun said it would be premature to "consider the appropriateness of arbitration."

## Iran keeps up attack on ships

DUBAI, March 23, (Reuters): A Cypriot grain carrier was ablaze in the Strait of Hormuz tonight several hours after Iranian gunboats attacked it as it entered the Gulf, shipping sources in the region said.

Flames lit up the area as tugs battled to bring the fire aboard 34,346-tonne Odysseas H under control 10 miles off the northern tip of Oman.

The sources said there were no injuries among the crew. The tugs planned to tow the ship, loaded with barley, to Dubai, they added.

The gunboats ambushed the vessel in the busy strait through which all ships must pass to enter or leave the hazardous Gulf.

Omani patrol boats were heard on marine radio angrily warning Iranian vessels out of Oman's territorial waters. The sources said they believed the Omanis were trying to help the stricken carrier.

**Location**

The Odysseas H was hit at the same location as the Spanish cargo ship Iberian Reefer, struck by eight rockets on Monday. That vessel later limped into the eastern United Arab Emirates port of Khor Fakkan.

Iran has attacked six neutral merchant ships since Saturday when Iraq, in the worst single air raid in the shipping war, killed 46 crewmen on two Iranian tankers

at Tehran's Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern Gulf.

Iraq said a long-range Iranian missile exploded in Baghdad, killing and wounding civilians as the so-called "war of the cities" dragged on.

The missile, the Iraqi News Agency reported, crashed in a residential neighbourhood "killing and wounding civilians and destroying property."

The agency did not give an exact casualty count. It had acknowledged that Iraqi gunners fired a similar projectile into Tehran yesterday.

**Impractical**

In Amman, Iran's representative at a meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference foreign ministers said the group had "adopted impractical stands on the war" and had ignored or welcomed "Iraq's murderous and devilish actions."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz yesterday accused Iran of treating the OIC and the UN ceasefire resolution with scorn.

On Monday Perez de Cuellar, saying he was "appalled" by the new escalation in fighting, made a new appeal for the warring nations to accept a ceasefire and begin peace talks.

King Hussein, who is visiting Pakistan, urged his host country to persuade neighbouring Iran to end more than seven years of war with Iraq.

## Swept off by a plane

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California, March 23, (UPI): An eight-year-old girl flying a kite was swept off the ground when the string got caught in a low-flying aircraft, yanking her 10 feet (three metres) into the air and carrying her 200 feet (61 metres) across the park, she said yesterday.

Deandra "Andi" Anrig, was using 200-pound test line while flying her kite on Sunday afternoon at Shoreline Park with her parents and friends.

As an aeroplane flew overhead, she was suddenly jerked into the air, she said.

**Lifted**

"It was the scariest thing," she said yesterday. "All I knew was that I was going up in the air."

The girl and witnesses said she was lifted about 10 feet (3 m) into the air and carried some 200 feet (61 m) across the park.

"I let go of the kite when I thought I was going to hit a tree," she said. "I fell straight on my back."

## Shultz may visit Mideast again

WASHINGTON, March 23, (Agencies): Secretary of State George Shultz will probably travel to the Middle East within two weeks if Israel agrees to further discussions on his regional peace plan, an Israeli diplomat said yesterday.

Asher Naim, the Information Minister at the Israeli embassy, said he expects Israel's cabinet will vote to keep alive the Shultz peace initiative when the issue is debated.

"Apparently, Secretary Shultz will be in the Middle East ... in two weeks time again," he told reporters at the National Press Club.

Israel will not reject the US peace proposals, "and if the government indeed decides a neutral way — that means you continue negotiations — then probably Secretary Shultz will go to the Middle East."

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said that Shultz had not yet decided to return to the Mideast, where he conducted a diplomatic shuttle last month.

In occupied Jerusalem, Israel's divided inner cabinet was due today to debate the US peace plan following Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's return from Washington.

**Plan**

Shamir, who refused to accept the US proposals, briefed ministers of his right-wing Likud bloc on his trip.

On his arrival in Tel Aviv yesterday, Shamir said Israel was under no US pressure to accept the peace plan which calls for an international conference next month and negotiations on the final status of the occupied areas by the end of the year.

In the Israeli-occupied areas, assailants ambushed and killed a Palestinian motorist near the

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Falaka: 21°C 70°F

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Falaka: 55 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 59 per cent

Ahmad: 55 per cent

Falaka: 65 per cent



## 17 hurt in Philippine supermarket blast

MANILA, March 23. (Agencies): At least 17 people were wounded, three seriously, when a bomb exploded today at a supermarket in the southern Philippine city of Davao, a military spokesman said.

The spokesman said the blast occurred while many customers were inside the supermarket, about 300 meters (yards) away from the military headquarters in the city.

No arrests were made and the military said they did not know who was responsible for the bombing.

Davao, 600 miles (960 kms) from Manila, lies on the south-eastern part of troubled Mindanao Island where government forces are fighting communist guerrillas and Muslim separatist rebels.

It was the fourth bombing in Mindanao in 24 hours.

Three bombs exploded in Zamboanga, like Davao a predominantly Christian city wounding two soldiers, police said.

**Unexploded**  
Early today, police also found an unexploded Soviet-made grenade outside a Muslim bank in Zamboanga.

No group has claimed responsibility for any of the incidents.

In Zamboanga city, police said two Army sergeants were injured when a time bomb exploded while they were trying to defuse it last night, hours after two other bombs exploded in the heart of

the city.  
Police said no one was injured in the two other explosions, outside the city hall and the neighbouring office of the National Bureau of Investigation.

The bomb that injured the two sergeants was in a gift-wrapped package delivered by a passenger jeep driver to guards at the gate of a Philippine air force base on the outskirts of Zamboanga, police said. Suspicious guards immediately called in the bomb disposal unit.

Lt Col. Anthony Elias, spokesman of the military's southern command in Zamboanga, 540 miles (864 kilometres) southeast of Manila, said authorities had several suspects, but he declined to identify any of them pending their arrests.

Meanwhile, 20 Moro National Liberation Front rebels attacked a marine detachment in Banao town near Basilan, 10 miles (16 kilometres) south of Zamboanga, at dawn yesterday, the military said.

The marines drove off the Muslim guerrillas after a 10-minute exchange of gunfire in which one trooper was killed and seven people, including militiamen and civilians, were wounded, the military said. There was no immediate word on any rebel casualties.

In another incident suspected communist rebels shot dead a policeman in a Manila suburb, police said.

## Restore order, tells Supreme Soviet

MOSCOW, March 23. (Reuters): The President of the Supreme Soviet called on the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia today to restore order in the troubled Transcaucasus and to protect the interests of all ethnic groups there.

A strongly-worded statement issued at the end of a special session on nationalist problems in the region said the crisis had inflicted harm on the people of both republics and attempts to put pressure on the Soviet state would not be tolerated.

The parliaments of Azerbaijan and Armenia were told to take "the necessary coordinated measures to strengthen socialist law and order, to defend the lawful interests of citizens of all nationalities and to bring to strict justice those who ... destabilise the situation, eroding the friendship and cooperation of fraternal Soviet peoples."

The statement was carried by the official Tass news agency.

It was inadmissible, the statement said, for "self-proclaimed groups" to advocate the redrawing of boundaries which could lead to unpredictable consequences.

Analysts said the wording seemed to make clear that the Kremlin would not give the disputed Azerbaijan region of Nagorno-Karabakh to neighbouring Armenia.

## Dukakis ahead of Bush in presidential race: poll



Dukakis

WASHINGTON, March 23. (Reuters): Democrat Michael Dukakis would be elected US President over Republican Vice-President George Bush if the election were held now, according to a Washington Post-ABC news public opinion poll.

But while favouring Massachusetts Governor Dukakis now, the voters surveyed for the poll said they still believed a Republican would win when the election was actually held on Nov 8, the Washington Post said today.

Even so, it said, the poll suggested for the first time the possibility of a Democratic presidential victory.

The poll followed other surveys showing Dukakis ahead of Bush in Michigan and New York.

The three polls indicated a significant shift from those two weeks ago that showed Bush well ahead of all other candidates following his wins in 16 of the 17 state primaries held on "Super Tuesday," March 8.

The Washington Post said the new poll indicated Dukakis would be elected President over Bush with 50 per cent of the vote to Bush's 45 per cent if the election were held now.

ABC had said earlier the poll gave Dukakis a narrow 49-48 per cent lead. There was no immediate explanation why the two organisations got different figures from the same poll.

The newspaper said three of every five voters surveyed believed a Republican would be elected President on Nov 8 even though many of them said they would vote for Dukakis rather than Bush if the election were held now.

## Brazil votes for presidential system

BRASILIA, March 23. (AP): Lawmakers overwhelmingly rejected a parliamentary system in favour of a presidential system of government, and voted that presidents will have a five-year term.

In a vote yesterday that capped a year of debate, the 559 legislators writing a new constitution voted 344 for presidentialism and 212 voted to change

to parliamentarism. There were three abstentions.

It was the first time since the constitutional assembly convened in February of 1986 that all lawmakers were present.

Later yesterday, lawmakers voted by 305 votes that the mandate of future presidents would be five years and not the four years proposed by 223 legislators. This time 530 assem-

blymen voted and there were three abstentions. The vote did not cover the term of President Jose Sarney, which will be voted on at a later date.

The vote was seen as a huge victory for Sarney, who had lobbied against parliamentarism saying it would bring further economic and social chaos to a country wrought by high inflation and widespread poverty.

## Pakistan denies transit of Iranian Jews

AMMAN, March 23. (Reuters): Pakistan today denied an indirect Iraqi allegation that it was colluding in the organised emigration of Iranian Jews to Israel via Pakistani territory.

"There is no such question that Pakistan will ever condone an arrangement whereby there will be a Jewish repatriation to Israel," Pakistani Commerce Minister Mahbubul Haq said.

"We are on record opposing... any such move which upsets the balance of population there and upsets the rights of the Palestinian people," he told reporters.

Haq, representing Pakistan at an Organisation of Islamic Conference meeting in Amman, said his country, which borders Iran, should not be "maligned" on the issue.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz has accused Iran of colluding with Israel on the emigration of Iranian Jews.

"Recent events have revealed the size of the Jewish emigration from Iran to occupied Palestine," Aziz told the OIC in a speech yesterday.

He said there had been a rise in the number of Jews passing through Austria and "certain Islamic states which are members of this organisation," an apparent reference to Pakistan.

Iraq proposed including the item on the OIC agenda, a move Haq said risked widening rifts among Islamic states.

Pakistan is neutral in the 7-1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

## Coup prediction

PANAMA CITY, March 23. (Reuters): Ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle predicted a new coup attempt against Panama's de facto ruler General Manuel Antonio Noriega as an anti-government strike and economic warfare brought the country to a virtual standstill.

Delvalle, in hiding since he was ousted last month after trying to fire Noriega, also rejected the general's conditional offer to step down as ridiculous.

## Killing of babies

BRUGES, Belgium, March 23. (UPI): A 33-year-old woman has confessed to killing eight newborn babies, seven girls and a boy, between 1980 and 1987, officials said yesterday.

Seven of the children were killed in Belgium and one in Benidorm, Spain, where the woman was on holiday in 1983, the officials said.

The investigation into the case started in January last year when employees of a supermarket in the nearby coastal resort town of Ostend found the bodies of two newborn babies, a boy and a girl, in a plastic bag in a toilet.

## Gemayel revises political proposal

BEIRUT, March 23. (Reuters): Lebanese President Amin Gemayel has sent Damascus a fresh set of proposals for solving the country's political impasse after Syria's Muslim allies in Lebanon rejected his earlier efforts.

Official sources said today an answer was expected next week from Damascus, Lebanon's main foreign broker, on its views about the new proposals submitted through US diplomatic channels.

## Revised

The United States, which fears that events in Lebanon could disrupt its peace drive in the Middle East, had been using its contacts with Syria to try to bring about inter-Lebanese reconciliation.

The independent An-Nahar newspaper today published a text of what it called "President Gemayel's March 7 paper" of

new proposals which official sources described as "modified in words only, but not in principle."

The revised paper proposed the formation of a committee of cabinet members to draw up ideas within a set period of time on new reforms for abolishing confessionalism in Lebanon.

In his previous two proposals Gemayel suggested a 12-year period to end confessionalism in the political system which gave the minority Christians more say in government.

Muslims, seeking to overturn the system, rejected Gemayel's earlier suggestions, saying it was not enough to achieve equal power sharing with the Christians who have dominated key state posts since the country's independence in 1943.

Lebanon's unwritten national covenant of 1943 shares out key posts among the main sects, stipulating the President should be a Maronite, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the Speaker of Parliament a Shi'ite.

Blocked  
Palace officials said US ambassador to Lebanon John Kelly visited Gemayel yesterday and restated Washington's interest in current three-way negotiations aimed at paving the way for presidential elections in August.

"We have not reached a blocked wall with Damascus and contacts are still under way," the sources quoted Kelly as saying.

In his new proposal Gemayel also suggested that the cabinet be a totally "independent institution" with separate powers and that the President only "chairs the council of ministers, but does not vote," An-Nahar said.



Gemayel

## Food fit for the dustbin

LONDON, March 23. (Reuters): Travellers using the world's busiest international airport — Heathrow, outside London — are confronted by gastronomic horrors including fish pie smelling of compost and chocolate cake reminiscent of sawdust, food experts said today.

Tasted  
Veteran restaurant critic Egon Ronay, who conducted a survey of eating establishments at Heathrow, said the food some of them offered was "fit only for the dustbin."

"A disastrous corned beef roll was the acme of crudity. The chocolate cake tasted as though it was made of sawdust with a shaving cream topping. The grilled halibut was dry and devoid of taste and the cauliflower was an absolute disgrace," said Ronay's report for the British Gastronomic

Academy, of which he is president.

Ronay said one restaurant served fish pie "which smelt of a compost heap, and the turkey sandwiches were so disgusting they had to be spat out."

Queues  
At a self-service cafeteria "there was a breakfast cook who hated his customers, stewed tea, long queues and cold food," he added.

Others served food "fit only for the dustbin. The quite appalling pastries were inedible rubbish."

Describing Heathrow as a showcase for Britain, the academy said the British Airports Authority must get rid of its present caterers.

A spokesman at Heathrow defended the quality of the food and dismissed the survey as not worthy of comment.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Plot foiled

MONROVIA, March 23. (UPI): The Liberian government said yesterday security forces foiled a plot to assassinate President Samuel Doe and overthrow the government, the second coup attempt in Liberia in more than two years.

Twelve military officers and civilians were arrested and a large quantity of arms, ammunition and military uniforms seized. Information Minister Emmanuel Bowler told a news conference.

Bowler said security forces uncovered a plot to destabilise the government and "create internal strife and overthrow the government by assassinating the president of Liberia."

### Troops open fire

COLOMBO, March 23. (Reuters): Indian peace-keeping troops and Sri Lankan police opened fire at random, injuring six civilians, after a grenade attack today in an eastern Sri Lankan town, residents said.

Residents in Batticaloa said by telephone that the troops and police opened fire after a grenade was tossed at a police station, blowing a hole in a wall but causing no injuries.

"Indians and police burst in spraying gunfire at random after the grenade exploded," a resident said.

"They almost fired at anything that moved. Whoever threw the grenade had escaped by the time they started shooting," the resident said.

### Diarrhoea

DHAKA, March 23. (Reuters): A fast-spreading diarrhoea epidemic killed nearly 100 people and infected more than 1,500 others in Bangladesh over the past two weeks, doctors said today.

They said most victims were reported from the southern Barguna and Pirojpur districts where several medical teams were trying to contain the disease — caused by contaminated water and rotten food.

### Bomb blast

KARACHI, Pakistan, March 23. (UPI): A bomb exploded outside a beauty parlour in Karachi today, killing three people, police said.

Police sources said they had no suspects in the bombing and no group claimed responsibility.

The bomb, planted outside a beauty parlour in Pathan Colony of Karachi's district west, went off about 9:50 am, shattering shop windows and causing extensive damage along the sidewalk.

### TV documentary

HONG KONG, March 23. (Reuters): Roasting birds alive, chopping a cat's tail off, or killing a turtle with boiling water — Hong Kong is "considering whether film of this is fit for television."

Police seized the film from government-controlled radio television Hong Kong today on a complaint by the royal society for prevention of cruelty to animals.

### Chinese smokers

BEIJING, March 23. (Reuters): Smoking-related deaths in China could hit two million a year unless rules to stop the habit are introduced, the New China news agency said.

Smoking is considered a social grace in China, where the number of addicts continues to rise, and even children under 10 try cigarettes, the agency said.

### Students clash

DHAKA, March 23. (Reuters): Two students were shot dead and at least 100 people were injured when students fought police with bombs and rocks yesterday in continued protests against strict monitoring during Bangladesh school examinations.

Police said they opened fire to disperse students trying to burn down examination centres, killing two people and wounding about 50.

### Shultz may visit ...

(Continued from Page 1)

Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis and Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian in the West Bank village of Tubas.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin authorised Israeli civilians to open fire on fire-bomb throwers if their lives were endangered and there was no other way to extricate themselves.

Israel television reported that the Army is considering preventing Palestinian workers from coming to their jobs in Israel and closing the bridges over the Jordan River as the latest in a series of economic measures against the Palestinians.

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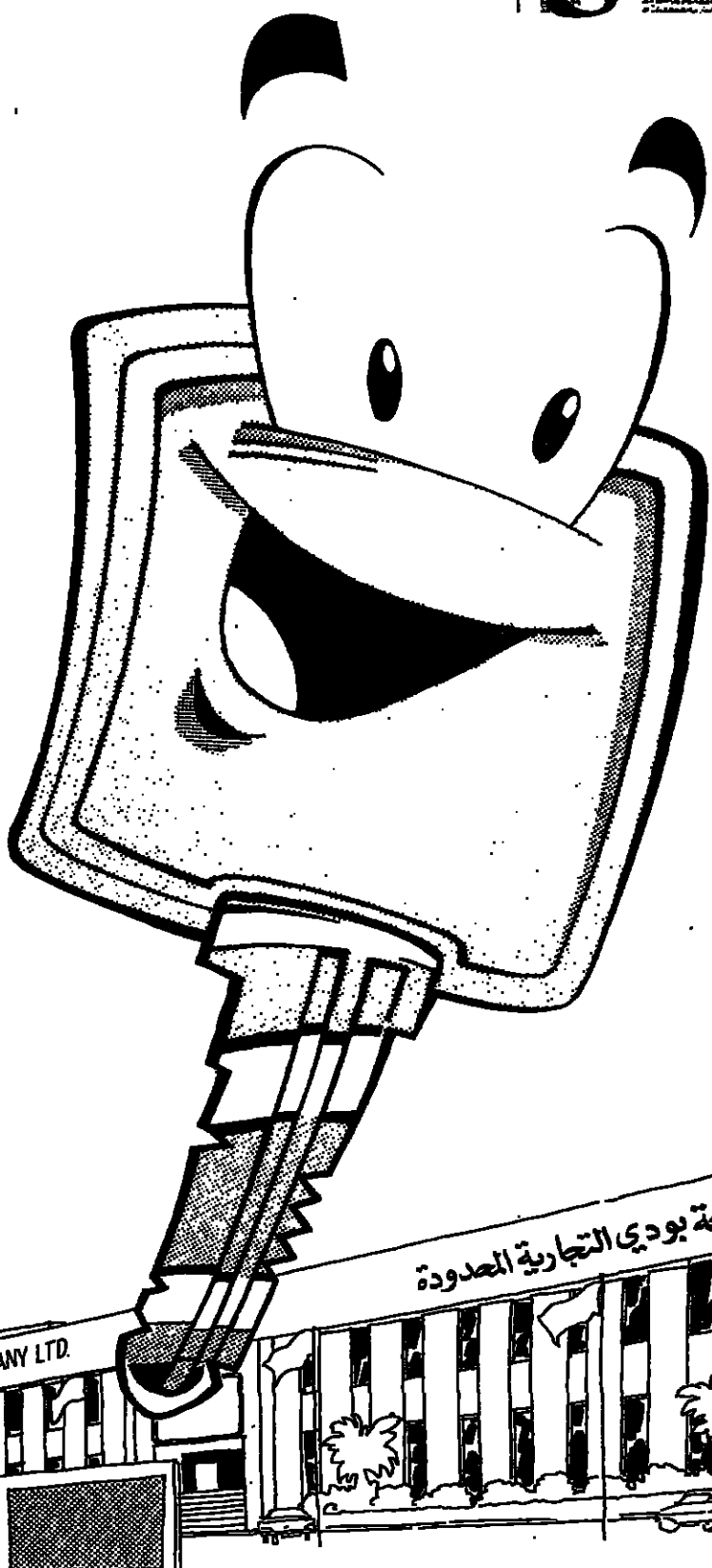
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## Experts examine Turkish proposal to pump water to Gulf

A DELEGATION that includes Turkish officials and experts from an American consultant firm has examined preliminary proposals of a project for pumping Turkish water to a number of Arab countries, including member states in the GCC.

**Pipelines**  
An official source at the Kuwait Electricity and Water Ministry said that the delegation, which is currently on a visit to Kuwait, held a seminar on the project commonly known as the "Peace pipeline."

The seminar was attended by electricity and water under-

secretary, assistant under-secretaries at the ministry in addition to other officials, the source added.

Turkey proposes to pump excess Turkish water from Seyhan and Geyhan Rivers through the peace pipeline to Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman.

### Cost

The project comprises the construction of two pipelines.

The first will supply Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia with fresh Turkish water.

The second pipeline will cross Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia stretching along the Arabian Gulf coast to supply Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE and Oman with water.

Construction cost for the first pipeline is estimated at \$8.5 billion, while the second one will cost nearly \$12.5 billion.

The source said that works for completion of the project will take between 8-10 years.

Kuwait was the second leg of the delegation's Gulf tour. It arrived here from the UAE where it held talks with officials there on the peace pipeline project.

## Kuwait celebrates world weather day

KUWAIT joined other world nations to celebrate the International Weather Day yesterday, the day when the charter of the International Weather Forecast Organisation (IWFO) was enacted.

The organisation was formed on March 23, 1950.

### Stamps

The IWFO is a specialised agency, affiliated to the UN which coordinates the activities of its members and provides meteorological data.

Weather bureau worldwide celebrated the day by issuing stamps. Several lectures were held to stress the role of the

agency. This year's theme was "Weather Forecast and Mass Media."

Kuwait's Meteorological Department was established 35 years ago with one employee. Its activities have expanded and it now has 11 weather stations, employing 145 people. The department recently added computers and micro-filming equipment to update storage of weather data, aerial maps and other information. It provides weather information to navigators, builders, insurers and others. Temperature readings are also wired to other world capitals.

## GCC experts discuss technical training

THE technical education experts from GCC states recently visited Kuwait to discuss cooperation in the field of technical and vocational training.

They held talks with senior officials of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. The delegates were received by the authority's director-general Abdurrahman Al Muhallan. The meeting was attended by Al Muhallan and other senior officials including assistant director Hmoud Al Mudhaf and director of planning and training Mansour Al Mesha.

They discussed exchange of expertise in training and the possibility of starting specialised programmes for teachers in the

field.

The GCC delegation comprised Ahmed Ali Ahmed and Khalaf Salem, UAE; Ibrahim Al Junaid, Hameed Jassem, Bahrain; Abdurrahman Abdullah, Saudi Arabia; Saleh Ben Abdullah, Oman; Sabah Al Kawari and Abdullah Al Sulaiti, Qatar.

## Science club honours members

KUWAIT'S Science Club's efforts to encourage female scientists was welcomed by Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah.

He said the idea to open a branch for girls at the club was a "pioneering step" to encourage young girls to take up science.

He was speaking after a ceremony was held at the club to honour its outstanding members. The ceremony was held under the joint patronage of Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan.

Al Sharhan praised the concept of encouraging "young scientists," saying it was essential to promote talented scientists.

Muna Al Omairi, director of the girl's branch, lauded the efforts made by the government to develop their talents.

The ministers presented prizes to the outstanding members at the conclusion of the ceremony.

## British academics remove misconceptions Hundreds of students seek advice

By Jadranka Porter

BRITISH academics are winding up their three-day visit to Kuwait today satisfied that they were able to deal with some of the misconceptions about the British education system raised in their discussions with education authorities and students.

The academics held wide-ranging talks at Kuwait University and with the Ministry of Education officials and gave advice to hundreds of potential students aged between 13 and 50. The meetings revealed misapprehensions on both sides, said the leader of the delegation David Sharp of the Glasgow University.

They described their mission as extremely successful. Some mission members have run out of university prospectuses and others are taking home the actual applications for postgraduate studies. All agreed that the dialogue with the Kuwait's authorities and students must continue with the only difference of opinion referring to the precise form of the follow-up effort.

### Assured

The British academics assured the Kuwaiti officials who demanded high academic standards that they shared their views.

Sharp expressed surprise at the misunderstanding of some features of the British education system by the officials and students which made him think that the dialogue they had was long overdue. "The British sys-



David Sharp listens to a question by a lady interested to study in Britain.

tem is not what it used to be 25 years ago and we hope that we made that clear in our discussions," said Kamal Andrawes of the University of Strathclyde.

One area of misunderstanding centred on problems related to entry into British universities of Kuwaiti students leaving school.

The common misapprehension is that a school leaving certificate is sufficient to get a place at a British university, said Sharp. "This is not so. It needs further topping up," he said. This is available through so called access programmes designed to bridge a gap between a school leaving certificate and the requirements to enter a UK university.

R. Alexander of the University of Bradford summed it up: "The Kuwaitis have not realised how

in recent years we have made ease of entry to undergraduate programmes more appropriate."

"One of the reasons why the Kuwaitis have sent so many students to the US was that they perceived a very large mismatch between the standards reached at the end of the schooling in Kuwait and the standards required to enter British universities," said Alexander adding that the Kuwaitis felt that the American system was much more amenable to a natural progression.

The academics also made clear that course work is an important part of PhD preparation at British universities. This was news to the Kuwaitis who favour course work and were under the impression that it was given more importance in the US.

## New proposals to upgrade education

A FINAL report on education contains 16 proposals to upgrade the system of education in Kuwait, said Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari.

Al Khudari was one of several high-ranking officials attending the meeting on education, chaired by Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, held on Tuesday.

The proposals are part of a general report on upgrading education in Kuwait under the five year plan. Al Khudari did not reveal the details of the proposals.

The recent meeting was atten-

ded by Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed, undersecretary for student affairs; Suad Al Rifai, assistant undersecretary for general education; Abdul Aziz Al Jarallah, assistant undersecretary for finance and administration; and Fahad Al Khaled, assistant undersecretary for educational services. A large number of senior educationalists also attended.

## Seminar on traffic accidents

A SEMINAR on traffic accidents will be held in Kuwait from April 4 to 6 as part of the activities of the 7th Gulf Traffic Week that begins on April 2.

It will be held at the social development centre of the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry at Bayan area. There will be a total of nine morning and evening sessions during the three-day seminar.

Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah will give the first talk and address the gathering about the role of information in instilling traffic awareness.

### Sabah meeting

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received Sheikh Mohamad Al Khalifa Al Adhbi and deputy editor-in-chief of Al Qabas newspaper, Yousuf Al Sumait.

## Shortage of doctors and nursing staff

A LEADING paediatrician has urged authorities to give priority to recruiting trained technicians, doctors and nurses. The head of the paediatric department at Sabah Hospital, Dr Abdullah Al Rushaid, has said there is a shortage of nursing staff and doctors in the paediatric units due "to the absence of senior personnel."

He said excess administrative staff should be replaced by technical staff to further develop the country's medical services.

A highly sophisticated intensive care paediatrics unit has been opened at the department in Sabah Hospital. The unit has been described as "one of the best" in the region.

The head of paediatrics department, Dr Abdullah Al Rushaid, has said that the facility would enable doctors to provide better care for infants.

The unit has a capacity of 16 beds and has been equipped with machines to treat cardiac and respiratory ailments. Medical care can be provided to children up to the age of 12.

Three doctors and 16 nurses are now working at the unit. Plans are afoot to raise their numbers to eight and 50.

### Greek National Day

ON the occasion of the Greek National Day on March 25, the Embassy of Greece in Kuwait has invited all Greeks to a reception at the Holiday Inn on March 27 from 7 to 9 pm.

## Book on theatre and GCC

THE information and research department of Kuwait News Agency has published a 186-page book on "the theatre and the Gulf Cooperation Council" coinciding with the first theatrical festival of the GCC states which opens in Kuwait on Saturday.

The history and arts of the theatre and birth of the theatre in the six GCC states, the difficulties facing it and the future of the theatre in the GCC states are some of the chapters of the Arabic book to which the board chairman and director-general of Kuna, Barges Hmoud Al Barges wrote the introduction.

## Overhaul of housing system for civil servants proposed

THE Civil Service Council (CSC) has recommended an overhaul of the current system of housing for government employees, according to the council's acting president, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed yesterday.

In a statement to Kuna, Al Rashed said the CSC met Tuesday night and revived the present housing system for civil servants.

Al Rashed, who is also the State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, added that the council decided to ask competent authorities to thoroughly examine the system.

He pointed out that the CSC also discussed financial rewards for civil servants who accompany haj caravans, and took appropriate decisions.

But he indicated that these attendants of haj caravans differ from the official attendants of the medical team of the health ministry.

Proceeding, Al Rasheed added, the council examined liaison and cooperation between government ministries and departments and the Civil Service Commission to execute plans and programmes for administrative reform.

## Abu-Lisan receives award

DR Mustafa Abu-Lisan, the director of Clinical Laboratories for the Amiri health region in Kuwait became the first Arab to receive a widely acclaimed award from the American Association for Clinical Chemistry in Washington.

Abu-Lisan received the Clinical Chemist Recognition Award for his outstanding participation in promoting medical education and his dedication to the profession. In 1986 Abu-Lisan received the International Fellowship Award from the same association and was, then too, the first Arab to receive such honour.

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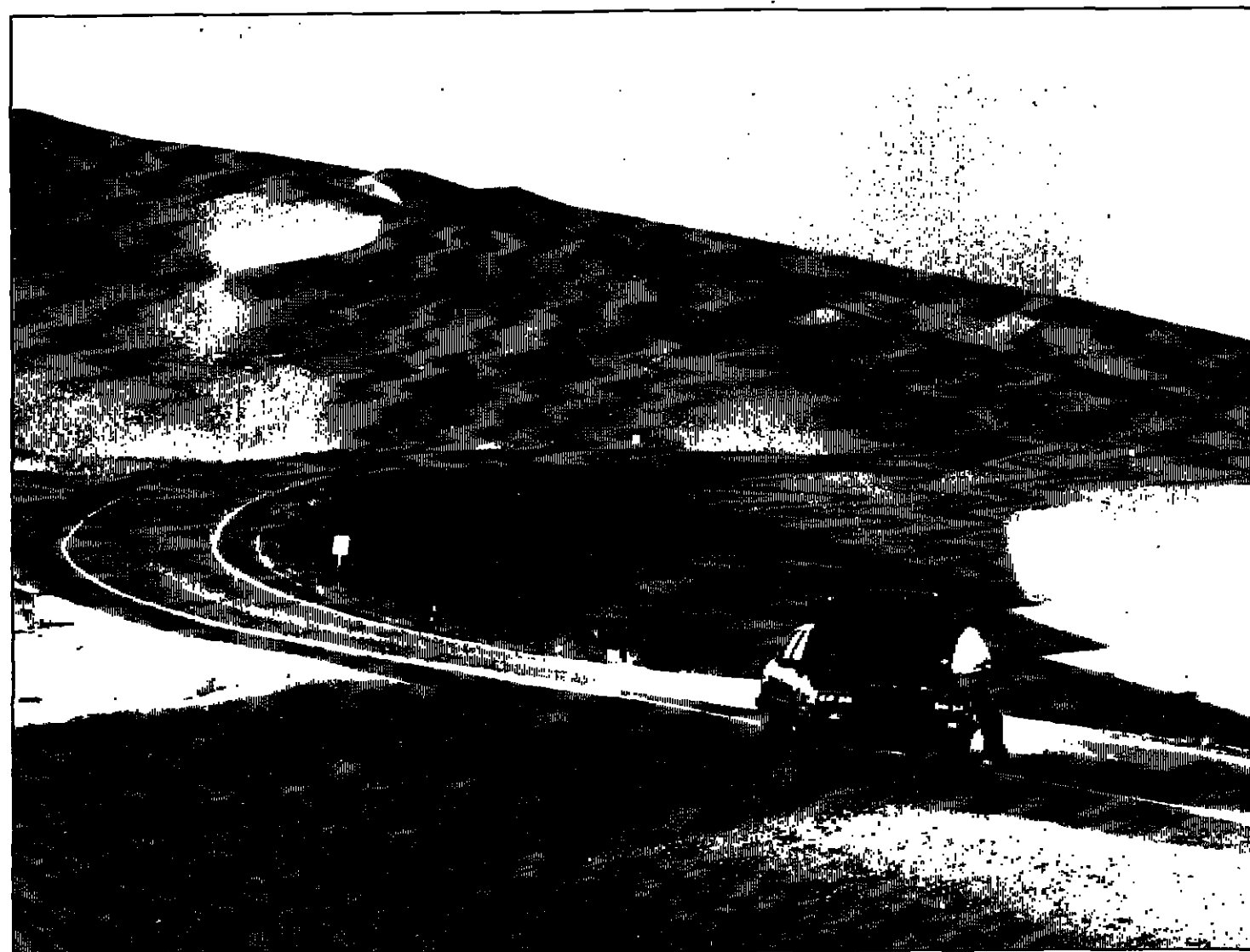
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## Immigration has caused number of social problems

AN assistant undersecretary at Kuwait's Social Affairs and Labour Ministry, Abdulla Gholoum, said that the discovery of oil had resulted in several social changes in Kuwaiti society.

Speaking at a seminar held by the Sociologists Society, he said that the immigration to Kuwait that followed the discovery of oil had caused a number of social problems between citizens and expatriates.

He called for a law to organise the secondary manpower in the country, namely maids and other servants.

The assistant rector for research affairs at Kuwait University, Dr Abdul Rasoul Al Moosa, also spoke at the seminar.

He said that the immigration of foreigners had caused an imbalance in the country's population.

It had also resulted in a vague educational system due to the use of different Arab and foreign educational systems in schools. He said steps should be taken to remedy this situation and develop a national educational system.

He said that statistics on the

population from 1955 to 1985 showed a great increase of expatriates over citizens.

He said a number of local laws, such as the rent law and the law reserving special housing areas for Kuwaitis and other areas for non-Kuwaitis affected relations between Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis and even among Kuwaitis themselves. He said that the human relations were being changed in a passive way. He said the laws separated Kuwaiti families because members were obliged to live in houses selected by the authorities and not according to their desires.

## Nawaf visits armoured brigade

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday visited the 15th armoured brigade within the framework of his inspection tours of different Army forces.

During a meeting with the brigade's commanders, he was briefed on formation and duties of the brigade and took note of work progress of training programmes and mobilisation exercises carried by units of the brigade outside the camp.

Sheikh Nawaf inspected artillery and tanks battalions and maintenance workshops in addition to other sections.

At the end of the visit, Sheikh Nawaf met with the officers and lauded their enthusiasm and sincerity in carrying out their duties.

He clarified the importance of the army in safeguarding and protecting stability and sovereignty of the country, emphasising the necessity of high morale in this respect.

## Historic voyage

MUSCAT, March 23, (Kuna): Sultan Qaboos Bin Said has given his approval that the Sultan of Oman's Navy sail training ship Shabab Oman, is to take part with other ships in taking a UNESCO delegation on a historic voyage from Venice to Xian in China.

The voyage, which will start in 1990, will pass by the ports of Alexandria and Muscat, Oman news agency reported.



● Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HH Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, paid a courtesy call on Britain's Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, at 10 Downing Street. Sheikh Saad is on a private visit to Britain. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sheikh Salem inspects police communications

INTERIOR Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah yesterday made an inspection tour of the general administration of police communications.

Sheikh Salem was received upon arrival by the administration's director general Brigadier Abdulhamid Haji Abdurrahman, assistant director general, Colonel Mohammed Abdulaziz Al Qatami and department heads.

At the outset, Brigadier Haji briefed the Interior Minister on the various activities of the administration.

Afterwards, Sheikh Salem and administration officials visited the operations room, where they were acquainted with methods of receiving, registering and addressing dispatches all over Kuwait.

### Upgrade

The minister also inspected progress of work in various other departments in the administration such as communications engineering and driving safety training.

Following the tour, Sheikh Salem instructed officials at the administration to upgrade the performance of their staff.

He underlined the importance of treating the public nicely and

providing assistance when sought.

Concluding, Sheikh Salem urged the policemen to seek cooperation with other administrations of the Interior Ministry to enhance joint work, shield public security and safeguard Kuwait's stability under the prudent leadership of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

## Two Iraqi ministers dismissed

BAGHDAD, March 23, (AP): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has dismissed two members of his 24-man cabinet, the light industry and heavy industry ministers, and appointed an army officer to a new post that combines both portfolios.

A presidential decree issued Tuesday night and published today by government newspapers Al Thawra and Al Jomhouriah said Heavy Industry Minister Abdul Tawab Mulaish and Light Industry Minister Hatem Abdul-Rashid "were relieved of their duties."

It did not say what prompted their dismissal, but added that Col. Hussein Kamal has been appointed minister of Industry and Minerals.

## Amir greets Zia on Pakistan Day

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Pakistan General Zia-ul-Haq on the occasion of Pakistan Day.

Pakistanis living in Kuwait marked the occasion with a flag-hoisting ceremony in the embassy in the morning.

In Rawalpindi, skyjumpers from the United Arab Emirates stole the show at the giant military parade held on the occasion of the Pakistan Day.

A group of nine UAE paratroopers, watched by thousands of spectators at the sprawling parade ground, jumped from a helicopter from 8,000 feet and made a precision landing.

Besides UAE skyjumpers the famous Turkish Mehter Band was another salient feature of this year's military parade. Considered to be the world's oldest band, it drew lusty cheers from the spectators.



receiving Kuwait's Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed at the reception (right).

(Photo by Javed Baara)

## Electro '88 exhibition opens

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Ministry, Abdulla Al Hamad, yesterday opened the Electro '88 exhibition at the International Fairground, Mishref.

The exhibition will continue until March 28.

The opening ceremony was attended by the chairman of the Kuwait International Fairs Company, Mohammed Al Gharaballi, as well as a number of Arab and foreign ambassadors.

Fifteen local companies are taking part in the exhibition. The exhibits include different types of television sets, video cassette recorders, computers and cine and still photographic equipment.

The exhibition is open from 9 am to 1 pm and from 4 to 8 pm.

## Olympic TV rights

SEOUL, March 23, (Reuters): Television networks grouped under the Arab states broadcasting union have signed \$420,000 contract to televise the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, organisers said today.

The union is made up of broadcasters from 14 countries including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Sudan, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

Contracts for Olympic TV rights now total at least 407.1 million dollars, according to the organisers.

## 25 accidents

THERE were 25 traffic accidents yesterday in Kuwait. Six took place in the capital, two in Hawalli, 13 in Ahmadi and four in Jahra.

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Al Hamad looks at some exhibits.

## Handicapped Week begins with charity bazaar

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A FUND raising bazaar opened yesterday at the Adailiya campus of Kuwait University to help expand the services rendered to disabled people in Kuwait.

The bazaar has been organised by the Gulf Bank and other companies and is an annual event.

It was opened by the Social Affairs and Labour Minister, Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed, who

praised the companies for their public spirit.

Many companies have donated the products on display and these items are for sale.

The National Week for the Handicapped began yesterday under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, and will continue until March 31.

The Week includes a charity bazaar, exhibitions, sports events and educational seminars.

## UAE, Bangladesh air accord

DUBAI, March 23, (Kuna): An initial agreement was signed here today between the United Arab Emirates and Bangladesh on organising air transport.

The agreement allowed the

UAE 12 weekly flights from its airport to Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, and 8 flights for the Bangladeshi airline company from Dhaka to the UAE and then to Europe.

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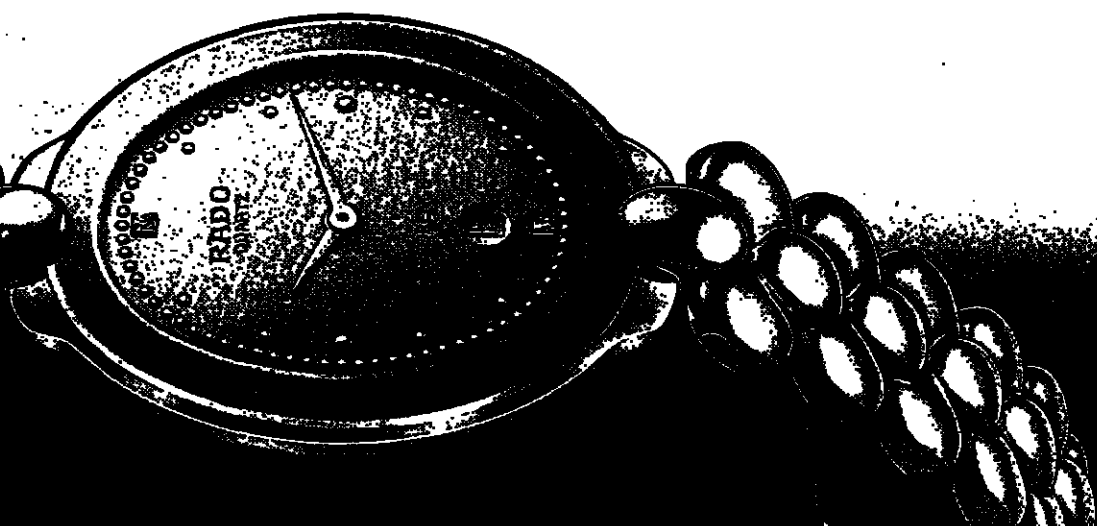
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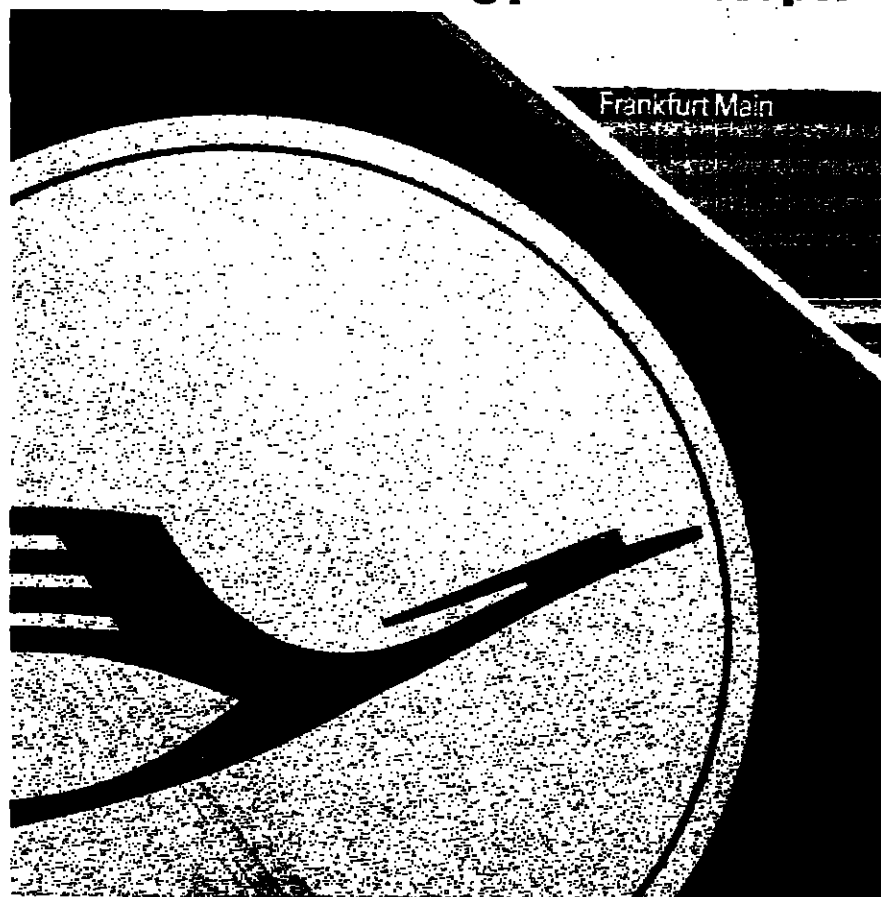
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## Table Talk

BY DINAH

LEBANESE food is the most common type of cuisine in the restaurants of Kuwait. Not only does every hotel buffet offer a wide selection of mezzeh and Lebanese desserts alongside Western dishes, but there are also numerous restaurants which specialise in Lebanese cooking—from spacious grill restaurants to tiny cafes with plastic tables where you can eat very cheaply. With all this competition one wonders how much call there is for deluxe Lebanese restaurants like the Sheraton's Le Tarbouche or the Al Hamidi at the Regency Palace, where

## A surfeit of Lebanese restaurants

the menus are only slightly more comprehensive than in the small cafes, while the prices are much higher and the quality of the food much the same.

Decor and atmosphere are the invisible items on one's bill and both Le Tarbouche and Al Hamidi give good value for money in this respect. The Regency Palace Hotel is outstanding for the elegance of its design and the high quality of the materials used in its construction. Heavy wooden, brass-studded grills frame the windows of the Al Hamidi like porticoes, while the chain-mail curtains accentuate the medieval tone. Natural materials such as rush matting, archways inset with large pebbles and the sound of a waterfall create a rustic atmosphere which is echoed in the cheese-cloth napkins and elegant blue and white tableware.

Before the meal hot flannels are provided and then the guest is shown a miniature carved wooden doorway which opens to reveal the menu inside. The range of dishes offered at the Al Hamidi is more limited than at

Le Tarbouche. The starters comprise a small selection of hot and cold mezzeh (including delicacies such as quail and frogs' legs) but lacks a recommended selection of mezzeh which guests unfamiliar with Middle Eastern food would appreciate. The main course menu offers a limited number of chicken and lamb kebab dishes and a choice of grilled or fried hamour, zubeidi and Gulf prawns. For dessert one helps oneself from a buffet of Arabic pastries and sweets.

### Mezzeh

As thirst-quenchers we chose glasses of fresh apple juice and lemon juice and avoided the extortionately expensive Moccasin, some of which were over KD2 per glass. The star of the six mezzeh we selected was undoubtedly the fatayer—crisp, hot pastry parcels filled with a moist and tasty mixture of spinach, pine nuts, onions and lemon juice. Both the mutabul (aubergine and tahini puree) with its smoky, barbecued flavour and the blander hummus (chick pea and tahini puree) provided mellow con-

trasts to the sharp, tangy taste of the salads. The parsley, mint tomato and cracked wheat salad known as tabooleh is essential on any mezzeh table, but its success depends on the careful balance of the different ingredients, which the chef had certainly got right at the Al Hamidi. The fattoush, by contrast, was a failure—too much lemon juice had been used in the dressing and too many tomatoes in the salad. The shrimp salad was disappointing, the shrimps were soft in texture as if undercooked but the garlic dressing was appetising.

Like the mezzeh, the main course dishes were generous in size. The grilled king-sized prawns consisted of eight, sweet jumbo prawns arranged on two skewers on a bed of lettuce and fresh parsley and served with home-made french fries and a piquant tartare sauce. The grilled zubeidi, which had the same garnish, was cooked to moist, mouth-watering perfection but served with a rather tasteless parsley sauce.

The dessert table was limited to Arabic pastries, creme caramel, muhallabia (rose-water flavoured pudding) and fresh fruit salad. We finished the meal with Turkish coffee while listening to live music played on the ondh. The service while attentive but rather sullen. The bill came to KD15.200 which is expensive if you consider that you could find most of the mezzeh and desserts on the average hotel buffet table, which also offers you the alternative of other cuisines as well, at a much lower price. The hot dishes at Al Hamidi are individually prepared, but then that is also true of small Lebanese cafes which offer very similar food for a fraction of the price.

**RESTAURANT:** Al Hamidi  
**TYPE:** Lebanese restaurant at the Regency Palace  
**MEAL:** Three course Lebanese  
**PRICE:** KD15.250 (for two)  
**Star rating (out of five):**  
**FOOD:** ★★ ★★  
**ATMOSPHERE:** ★★ ★★  
**SERVICE:** ★★ ★★  
**VALUE FOR MONEY:** ★★ ★★

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Free Atelier

An exhibition of paintings by Samiya Ahmad Sayed Omar be open from March 28 at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St., near Amiri Hospital. It will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm.

#### Sultan Gallery

An exhibition of oil paintings by Pakistani artist Yasmeen Bhamia will be held at the gallery, Al Sour St., from March 28. It will be open daily from 9 am to 7 pm and 5 to 8 pm.

### MUSIC

#### Rock 'n' Romance

Today there are two shows—a matinee at 3 pm and at 8 pm of Kuwait Players' Rock 'n' Romance, a rock show with a romantic touch at the Regency Palace Hotel. Directed by June Stevenson and Phil Thomas. It features music by Eric Clapton, Dire Straits, Elton John, Chopin and others. For reservations call 5624175, after 7 pm, or 5745838.

#### Local Music

A local music group will hold Rang Trans, a musical night, on March 24, 7.30 pm, at the Sharq Cooperative Society Hall. Entrance is by invitations only. Contact the organisers for details.

### THEATRE

#### Kuwait Players

Kuwait Players present "Wait Until Dark," a suspense drama by Frederick Knott, directed by Mike Consden, starring Jennifer Gatland and Derek Hicks. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa, at 8 pm on March 28, 29, 30, 31. For reservations phone 5657749; 5332568.

### SOCIAL

#### Flask Cooking Class

Flask, Filipino ladies association in Kuwait, is sponsoring a cooking class on March 25, Friday, from 4 to 6

pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel. For registration call Rory — 2530000 ext 8137; Florence — 2439451; Ester — 575300 ext. 128 or 151.

#### Kapilku Membership

A computerised census of all Filipinos in Kuwait will soon be published by the Philippines Embassy. Those who have not been included in the Kapilku listing are requested to register and submit their membership-census forms at the embassy or at any Filipino restaurant.

#### Flag-hoisting ceremony

A flag hoisting ceremony will be held at 9 am on March 26 at the Bangladeshi Embassy premises in Jabriya to mark the Independence and National Day of Bangladesh. All Bangladeshis are invited.

#### Filipino Get-together

The next "kumustahan" (get-together) will be held on Saturday, March 26, 4-6 pm, in the Church Hall. All Filipinos are invited. Free snacks will be served. Admission free.

#### Get-acquainted social gathering

All Bangladeshis computer professionals are invited to a get-acquainted social gathering. For details phone 2411610 (7 am to 7 pm); 4841748 (4 to 6 pm); 3714096 (4 to 6 pm).

#### Whist Drive

Salotte United will hold a Whist Drive-cum-Tea Party for its members and guests on Friday, April 8, 3.30 pm at Ramada Al Salam Hotel. For details contact D'Costa - 2439000 ext 2537 and Agnello - 2460983.

### SPORTS

#### Tivim Centre

##### Football

Tivim Centre, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on Thursday, March 25, at Al Sour Grounds. Draw will be held at 6.30 am. Play commences at 7 am. For details contact D'Mello - 2434634; Almeida - 4813892.

#### Kuwait Nomads

##### Rugby Club

The annual seven-a-side tournament takes place on Thursday, March 24. All players are requested to report to the ground at 3.30 pm.



Jennifer Gatland as the blind housewife Susy, and Malcolm Walker as Mike in Kuwait Players latest thriller 'Wait Until Dark.'

## Players stage thriller

"WAIT Until Dark," with the blind housewife played by Audrey Hepburn, is one of those terrifying movies that give you nightmares for weeks. Next week, Kuwait Players will stage the play, by Frederick Knott, at the Universal American School, with Jennifer Gatland in the Hepburn role and "Weekend" star, Derek Hicks, in the role of Roat,

played by Alan Arkin in the movie.

The choice of a thriller is a welcome change from the normal comedies and Director Mike Consden is confident that the cast will come up with spine-chilling performances that will have the audience on the edge of their seats. See the "What's On" column for ticket details.

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Derek Hicks, of 'Weekend' fame, turns his hand to amateur dramatics in 'Wait Until Dark,' with Philip Sargent as Croker.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
10.00 Fi Rihab Tarbiya.  
11.00 Songs  
11.30 Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme.  
12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anhami Min Akh-bar Jahan.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis. roundup of local events  
3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'laeb.  
4.00 News Summary  
4.15 The Saint.  
5.25 Maktabat Ala Wa Hina: children's programme  
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rolah Farah  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Show Jumping, presented by Ali Hamidi  
7.30 Al Bahath An Al Saadah: Arabic serial.  
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkour  
9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 From People's Art  
10.30 Rajul Fi Faq Al Nisa'a.  
12.00 Late Night Variety Show.  
1.20 News Summary

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9.00 Holy Quran  
9.30 Hikayat Min Al Alam.  
10.00 News Summary  
10.05 World News via Satellite  
10.20 Children's Magazine.  
11.00 Prophet's saying:  
11.15 Friday Prayer  
12.15 Min Wahi Al Ayaat Al Bayanat: religious serial.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 INTERVAL  
2.30 Preview of next week's programme on KTV  
3.15 Hadith Deeni.  
4.00 Hindi feature film, starring Raj Kiran, Kader Khan, Sarika.  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Kul Al Funoon.  
8.00 Weekly Seminar  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Al Khurooj An Al Ma'louf.

12.00 News Summary  
12.05 World News via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

### KTV 2

3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio.  
6.00 Centurions cartoons  
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club.  
7.00 Rags to Riches.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Chipperfields Circus  
9.05 Spenser for Hire.  
9.30 Bill Cosby Show.  
10.30 Late Night Movie. "The Halls of Montezuma."  
12.00 Closedown  
FRIDAY  
3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio.  
6.00 She-Ra.  
6.30 Airwolf: "Ground Zero."  
7.30 Spitting Image.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away  
9.05 Matlock.  
9.30 Weekend.  
10.00 Open All Hours.  
10.30 Wise Guy.  
11.30 Closedown

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ARAB TIMES  
Thought for today

WHEN one burns one's bridges, what a very nice fire it makes — Dylan Thomas, Welsh writer (1914-1953).

## Roh has impressed many Koreans

## Depression settles over activists

By Daniel Snelder

SEOUL: After the heady days of revolt last June, a mood of depression has settled over South Korea's student activists.

Last month only a handful of activists, 30 at most, turned out at a Seoul University to protest the inauguration of Korea's new President. The portable loudspeakers at the top of the university library steps blared out the message: "Unite to resist the succession of Roh Tae Woo!"

South Korea's vibrant student movement led a revolt of millions against the military-backed government of Chun Doo Hwan. Against all expectations, they won their demand for free, direct elections of the president.

Tens of thousands of students were mobilised during the election campaign to organise for the opposition and to monitor polling to ensure a fair vote.

But their expectations were dashed when the opposition split and the government won a minority victory. Many charged fraud, but few had the heart to return again to the streets.

"I am very interested in politics," said one Seoul activist, a student at a Catholic medical college. "But after the election, my energies are drained. When Roh comes on the television, I only think that I will have to watch him for five years."

President Roh has impressed many Koreans with the egalitarian imagery of his new government, appealing to the "ordinary people" and eschewing the imperial trappings of power that Chun wrapped himself in.

## Critical

Roh has been critical of the actions of his predecessor, of restrictions on political freedom and abuses of power. The middle class, key allies of the students last summer, seems willing to give Roh a chance to prove he is really different.

Yet students still remain largely skeptical. "I feel Roh is not really admitting the mistakes that were committed in the past by the military," said a classmate of the medical student.

"He's making conciliatory gestures by partially revealing their wrongdoings... They are cosmetic changes."

The movement, according to several sources inside its secretive and radical leadership, has two opinions about the changes since June. More hard-line elements hold that they are totally superficial. The other view, says one proponent, is "there is a real, qualitative change. The question is whether it lasts or is temporary."

"I feel it is here to stay," the graduate student explained in a dark coffee shop near Seoul's

prestigious Yonsei University, "because first of all Korea enjoys economic stability. Even though there was fraud, the Roh administration was elected through a legitimate election. They know that political consciousness is higher and people will not stand for the kind of oppression they used to receive."

The leadership has grudgingly accepted Roh's victory as fact. Its focus now is on marshaling a strong opposition force in the upcoming parliamentary elections in April. They are demanding that the opposition unite on a single list of candidates.

"This is a critical juncture," declared the Yonsei student council in a wall-poster broadcast, "to come out with a democratic parliament to isolate the Roh regime."

## Allies

At the same time, they are eagerly seeking allies outside the campus—not among the middle class but among farmers and industrial workers.

The growing anti-Americanism of the student movement, they hope, gives them common ground with farmers who have taken to the streets themselves in recent months to protest American pressure to open up Korea's market to beef and other agricultural imports.

The Roh government, the student statement accused, "has threatened the lives of farmers by importing imperialist American products."

The students also declared their solidarity with the labour movement which is preparing for its traditional March-April spring contract negotiations.

Last summer, taking off from the June popular uprising, workers staged a massive nationwide strike wave demanding higher wages and the right to form trade unions.

The government and employers expect a similar, though less intense, period of labour disputes in the next several months.

The labour movement has long been a target of the students, especially the left-wing elements who avow a Marxist goal of creating a class movement.

## Disguised

In many cases during last summer's labour uprising, the strikes were led by what authorities call "disguised workers," young activists who conceal their backgrounds and go to work in factories.

April is also the time when student protests tend to be on the rise, after the campuses reopen after a long mid-term break and Korea's bitter winter cold has disappeared.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

## Iran, Saudi Arabia grow further apart

By Lee Stokes

MANAMA, (UPI): Saudi Arabia and Iran share a burning Islamic fundamentalism, but religious rivalry is driving the two oil-rich nations further apart and even bringing them close to war.

Saudi-Iranian ties reached a low last July when 400 pilgrims died in bloody riots during the annual haj.

Iran blamed Saudi Arabia. Saudi officials accused Tehran of plotting to seize Islam's holiest shrine to use as a platform to declare Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini spiritual leader of the world's Muslims.

The Makkah bloodshed sparked riots in Tehran, where angry crowds stormed and sacked the embassies of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Cut Iran and Saudi Arabia cut diplomatic ties after a Saudi diplomat died from injuries sustained in the sacking of the Tehran Saudi legation. Saudi Arabia publicly declared its willingness to go to war with Iran if necessary.

Though Riyadh has backed Iraq in its war with Iran, it started making overtures to Iran last year.

As that possibility faded, the Saudi became noticeably irritated when Iran insisted it would send thousands of its pilgrims to Makkah this year—and

dared Riyadh to do something about it.

In its preferred, low-key manner, Saudi Arabia attempted early this year to show displeasure by imposing a partial trade embargo against Iran. The Iranians ignored the warning.

A cleric charged with pilgrim affairs, Hajjotaleem Emam Jamrani, continued to insist that thousands of Iranian pilgrims would descend on Makkah in July, in a "more determined" manner than before.

Last year the Saudis allowed Iran to send 150,000 pilgrims to Makkah for haj. King Fahd prides himself on being the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques at Makkah and Medina.

As keeper of the Islamic faith, he has a duty to pilgrims from all over the world—including those from Iran—to grant access to Islam's most sacred shrine.

But the Saudis "have had enough of Iranian threats," Gulf-based Western diplomats said.

For 50 years the Saudis have resisted restoring diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union, but "the rapidly growing Iranian menace is persuading them to keep all doors open in case a war breaks out," one diplomat said.

He and others said the Saudis have been holding important talks with the Soviet Union in efforts to persuade Moscow to go along with an arms embargo on Iran.

## Startling revelations

SIR: Congratulations to the Arab Times for exposing irregularities at the United Indian School, Abbasia (March 14). I was shocked by Mr Kalandar's labelling of Indians as "gossipers." It is not the job of the community to prove or disprove whether there are alleged irregularities at the school, such as the visa racket. Such investigations are the responsibility of the government of Kuwait.

Mr Kalandar's statement of not starting afternoon shift may have been made in good faith. But it is common knowledge that no parents will send their child if UIS started an afternoon shift.

As far as we know, the present board members neither have the academic excellence nor administrative experience to run a school.

About "dud cheques," this is not an isolated incident. The school had borrowed money from an Indian businessman to overcome financial difficulties. Later, the repayment cheque given to the businessman bounced. This shows lack of integrity.

Finally, the chairman has assured the Indian community that they can discuss "any problem" with him. I tried the school office and managed to get a telephone number of the chairman. But it does not work. Will the chairman give his contact telephone number and address to discuss our future complaints.

A parent,  
(Name and address supplied).

## A way to make quick money

SIR: Thank you for revealing the "hidden truth" about the United Indian School. I urge the new sponsor to be careful in dealing with "opportunists," whose only intention is to make money.

However, I wish to contradict with the contention that

the school was founded by businessmen. It was started by a group of educated, young, working class people who contributed their savings for a good cause—to help parents with young children.

I am a close friend of one of the former founding members. After the school started, they realised the dubious money-making activities. I know everything that took place at the school. The chairman along with the former sponsor bought buses from a local company under the school's name and later sold them. They produced documents claiming indebtedness of the school and drove away innocent members saying: "Those who are bold can stand by me." Most members left, leaving a giant portion of their contribution.

The new sponsor had no knowledge of their previous activities and began "reforming." But it was only "old wine served in new glasses." The school is a tailor-made project, a way to make quick money.

A parent,  
(Name and address supplied).

## Monkey business

SIR: This refers to a report on the UIS. The monkey business going on is not surprising. The private schools do not work for the welfare of children.

A former co-founder of UIS, Jose George, broke away from the present UIS board to establish the Kuwait Indian School, Farwania. Why?

Apparently he wanted a visa for his sister, which was not provided by the UIS management. Now Mr George's sister works at the KIS. Its management is worse than that of a baqala. There are no teaching ethics. The principal is not qualified. Maids were promoted as teachers. Recently, a lady working as a secretary has been given a teaching position.

Parents pay KD 7,500 for school transport. The transport contractor receives only KD 4 per child from the school. It seems the school is first a

port operator and then a teaching institute. Children report to the school at 9 am when classes are supposed to start at 8 am. The motive of some private schools is just to make money.

H. C. Das,  
Safat.

## Truth exposed

SIR: I congratulate the Arab Times for publishing the story on the United Indian School, Abbasia (AT, March 14). It was essential to expose the truth.

We welcome the step taken by the new sponsor to reform the school management by introducing educated and cultured people to the board. New members might be able to make radical changes.

In the report a UIS board member was quoted as saying people are "slinging mud at us." They are already immersed in mud.

Can the board members boldly say they have not received money, directly or indirectly, to issue visas? I have the evidence to prove—through the Arab Times columns—that they have been involved in the alleged visa racket. If the sponsor can guarantee jobs, those who have paid for visas will come forward and give a statement. The reasons for their silence is that "giving and taking" money to obtain visas is a crime in Kuwait.

One who knows,  
(Name and address supplied).

## All Indians not rumour-mongers

SIR: I would like to protest against a statement made by the sponsor of the United Indian School (AT, March 14). It is not right to say the entire Indian community is "spreading rumours and gossip." One of the board members openly asked me to contact the school office and pay KD1,000 for a visa. This, certainly, is not gossip. Indians have no time to

spread rumours. But when our children come home and talk about foul language spoken at the school, it is cause for concern.

It is common knowledge that money has been made by the members—and not the sponsor. The founding members of the board left the school due to irregular practices.

We welcome the effort to "spruce up the image" of the school. But someone brought in for a clean-up has already been involved in many scandals. It is possible that the situation will be repeated here.

A parent,  
(Name and address supplied).

## Excellent coverage

SIR: Thanks to the Arab Times for a clear and unbiased report about the International Rally. The words which you used in the report are unmatchable. You have certainly used fair words for the competitors, criticising the organisers and realising the full pain and effort put in by the marshals. I really feel that at least somebody cares about the marshals.

I would also appreciate Jack Lubbat who put in his utmost efforts for the rally. Unfortunately the committee proved itself to be a total failure due to lack of experience and favouritism.

During the prize giving ceremony there was no one to give a proper speech. Even the sponsors of the rally were not present.

On the different stages and the control areas there was no proper arrangement of police and lights. The marshals were really bothered and disturbed by the spectators. Some of the boys even threw stones at the marshals and threatened to damage their cars.

None of the committee members thanked the marshals for their efforts.

Kanwaljit Singh Maini  
Hawally.

## Marshals thanked

SIR: I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who gave their time in making this event possible. Thanks to A. G. P. Construction for providing 90 Filipinos and three buses. Thanks to all the stage commanders, safety officers and communication officers, particularly to Mohammed Aslam, Saeed Mustafa, K. Singh Maini, Ahmed Nadeem, Amar Jit, Ashwanti Singh and Raj Bansal.

Jack Lubbat,  
Safat.

## Flights to Goa

SIR: Air India plans to introduce three weekly flights to Goa via Bombay from March 27 when its summer schedule begins. The flights will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Goan community had not asked for flights to Goa via Bombay. Every Goan passenger will now have to spend four hours in the transit lounge at Bombay's Sahar Airport. Perhaps, Goans should take their mandolin along to entertain themselves.

Air India headquarters have repeatedly denied the Goan community's demand to introduce a weekly direct flight to Goa on the plea that there is no passenger potential for such a flight. It is surprising that they have now agreed to fly three sorties via Bombay.

Since the Gulf-Goa flights were started in 1986, no arrangements have been made for storing unaccompanied baggage at Goa. Further KD80 for 100 kilos of personal baggage seems to be too much.

The Goans have no choice now: take it or leave it.

Vincent D'Souza,  
Safat.

## Sick leave curtailed

SIR: Recently I was taken ill while on holiday and was given a sick leave certificate. I was



referred by the Salihiya Clinic to a medical board at the Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital to examine my medical history and verify the leave application. The medical board consisted of the head of urology department. After examination, the doctors found that I deserved the sick-leave granted by a private doctor. According to the procedure, the medical report was forwarded to the Medical Council, which changed the report, deducting a number of days of sick-leave. If the members of Medical Council are so qualified, why should a patient be referred to an expert medical board for examination, that I believe results in a waste of time.

A sufferer,  
(Name and address supplied).

## Feeling insecure

SIR: This refers to Mr Ahmed's letter "Unpardonable Offence" (AT, March 10). Mr Ahmed is selling Bangladesh cheap. Anyone could take over any part of that country by merely placing an airline advertisement. This shows the unpardonable amount of disrespect and insecurity Mr Ahmed has for his country.

Prakash,  
Safat.

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## Khaled has many supporters

By Nejla Sammakia

CAIRO, Egypt, (AP): Memories of Gamal Abdel Nasser, once adored by Egyptians, then widely criticised after his death, are being revived by a legal battle facing his son.

Khaled Abdel Nasser is charged with anti-American and anti-Israeli terrorism. Should he choose to end his self-imposed exile in Yugoslavia and face trial, as he indicates he will, Khaled's supporters could be many. They are likely to include even his father's worst enemies, the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood.

No date for the trial has been set.

"We sympathise with Nasser's son, even if we don't like Nasser," said Mohammed Abdel Qudoos, a Brotherhood member and prominent journalist. "If Khaled is shown to be anti-Zionist and anti-American, even those who didn't like Nasser will support him. The Israelis are killing Palestinians. We can't try him."

Charged The 38-year-old Khaled and 19 co-defendants, allegedly comprising a group known as "Egypt's Revolution," were charged Feb 18 in connection with four street shootings between 1984 and 1987 that killed

two Israeli embassy employees, wounded six Israelis and wounded two American diplomats. Nasser and 10 others could hang if convicted.

Israel and the United States were the principal antagonists of his father, republican Egypt's first president from 1956 until he died in September 1970. Nasser's popularity at home was so strong at the time of his death that hundreds of thousands of mourners poured into the streets to follow his coffin, sweeping it off its horse-drawn gun carriage and passing it hand-to-hand over their heads.

## Crime

"It's said that if something is done to the son of Gamal Abdel Nasser, the people will revolt," said Khaled Mohieddin, a partner of Gamal Abdel Nasser in the Revolutionary Command Council that overturned Egypt's monarchy in 1952.

"The emotions of the Egyptian people are with the son of Nasser. He is killing Israelis. They feel this is not a crime that a son of Nasser should be tried for," said Mohieddin, who used to be called "The Red Major" because of his pro-Soviet leanings. He heads the opposition



Gamal Abdel Nasser

repressive domestic policies.

If the Nasserites try to exploit the name of Nasser, the case will lose popularity among the religious groups," Abdel Qudoos warned.

Formed in 1928, the Brotherhood espouses a renaissance of Islamic values. Initially supportive of Nasser's 1952 revolution, the Brotherhood gradually eased away from Nasser until, in 1954, it was accused of trying to kill him. This triggered a massive crackdown in which thousands were jailed, six leaders tried and hanged and the organisation

banned. Subsequent administrations left the ban in place. Now, however, the Brotherhood has achieved such respectability that members ran for parliament in elections last April, winning about 35 seats, in a tactical alliance with two legal, secular parties.

Al-Shaab, the weekly paper of one of the parties, the left-of-centre Labour Party said of the charges against Khaled Nasser: "What Egypt's revolution has done... is a form of self-defence and defence of the nation. The group had no other motivation than to chase Zionists and American intelligence men out of Egypt."

## Portrait

The centrist Wafd Party, born under the monarchy and generally anti-Nasser and pro-American, recently highlighted in its daily Al-Wafd an interview with Mahmoud Nouredin, a co-defendant alleged to have been a trigger man in the attacks. "We resorted to bullets to halt the advance of spies on Egypt," he was quoted as saying.

Beside Nouredin's picture was a statement by President Hosni Mubarak that Khaled's

alleged involvement in the conspiracy "will not affect the history of the leader Gamal Abdel Nasser, whom Egypt respects and loves."

Nasser lives on in some of the socialist reforms he introduced. Although his successor, Anwar Sadat, and Mubarak effectively reversed many of Nasser's policies, they had to leave some of the reforms in place.

Nasser's portrait adorns Cairo walls annually around the time of his Sept 28 death anniversary, commemorated by official visits to his mausoleum in the courtyard of Nasser mosque. Recordings of his characteristic voice and speech delivery occasionally ring out in taxis.

But schools have stopped teaching the charter, a compilation of the revolution's aims and reforms and pre-high school must in the 1960s and early 1970s.

"Nasser sparked off all liberation movements in the area," said Moussa Sabry, an editor and former board chairman at the state-run daily Al-Akhar and once close to Sadat. "He established social justice that changed the map of society. His leadership was within the country, for the poor."

## Key to Mitterrand mystery lies in hilltop village

Bondeux likes to hustle visitors to the old, colonnaded town hall overlooking the valley where Mitterrand delivered his first address as president of France on May 10, 1981.

The President has since provided the village with an extravagant fountain that spits water through twisted coloured structures. It puzzles old people on the square.

Last year, 100,000 people trooped to the village's ancient convent, the newly named seven-year museum housing the treasures and ceremonial bric-a-brac given Mitterrand by foreign leaders during his term in office.

## Travelled

"Only Mitterrand could have had the generosity to give all this away," says Bondeux. "Now people of all political persuasions come here because they feel these gifts belong to the people of France."

Mitterrand's election ended 22 years as village mayor but brought presidential victory to a Socialist for the first time since General Charles de Gaulle established the Fifth Republic in 1958.

As one of the general's toughest critics, Mitterrand was thrown into the political wilderness when de Gaulle took over as head of state in 1958. Having served as a government minister 11 times, he was left with only the job of village mayor.

Aged 43 when elected there, Mitterrand travelled each weekend from Paris to supervise town hall affairs from a small desk in a rented room in the local hotel, L'Auberge du Vieux Morvan.

Since becoming head of state, he leaves himself time to return in private every six or seven weeks to check progress of a new sports stadium or hospital wing, and chat with old friends over a favourite dish in the Auberge.

"I think he needs to go back to his roots from time to time, get away from the superficial ceremony of Paris," says Bondeux, who worked with the Socialist for 16 years.

"We are simple folk, we speak to him straight. He likes that," she said. "Despite what people say about him, Mitterrand and his wife are simple, sincere, direct and unspoiled."

Throughout the village and its environs, Mitterrand is hailed for his fidelity, friendship and honesty.

But for years before and after he founded the Socialist Party in 1971, now France's biggest movement, Mitterrand was periodically mocked as being over-ambitious and ready to use any devious trick or just as a has-been.

political tactician.

Born in 1916 in Jarnac, the son of a railway station chief who later took over a vinegar factory, he went to law school in Paris, was taken prisoner in the war, escaped and joined the Resistance.

At war's end, Mitterrand, already at odds with de Gaulle, went into politics, becoming minister at the age of 30 and a permanent fixture in the shifting sands of national politics.

In Chateau-Chinon, Mitterrand quickly won the hearts of the traditionally closed rural community by being a good listener, said Eugene Teissiere, a former parliamentarian for the area and close friend of the President.

"He is as ready to change his mind on the advice of a farmer as on the counsel of a senator," he added. "Mitterrand is above all a pragmatist. He did not come to socialism on the basis of a theory but has always believed in social justice, in equality and freedom, the values of the French Revolution."

"He is indeed ambitious. But not ambitious for himself. He has a passion for history and wants to play a role in its making."

The 22 years he spent crisscrossing back roads of the countryside strengthened Mitterrand's commitment to rural French values.

propelled the Socialist to victory seven years ago featured an idyllic French village complete with church spire. Its slogan read "Mitterrand, a quiet force." The picture was shot in a hamlet some three km (two miles) from Chateau-Chinon.

Addressing supporters from all over France in Paris on Sun-

day, Mitterrand recalled his debt to local institutions.

"I am one of you," he told the mayors and other elected officials. "Villages, boroughs, departments, regions, parliamentary assemblies—they all taught me to understand France, its historic and human reality."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1267 — St. Louis of France calls his knights to Paris to prepare for his second crusade to holy land.  
1595 — Peace of Boulogne ends England's war with France and Scotland.  
1603 — Crowns of England and Scotland are joined under James VI of Scotland, who begins reign as James I upon death of Queen Elizabeth I.  
1783 — Spain recognises independence of United States.  
1848 — Sardinia declares war on Austria.  
1882 — Robert Koch, German bacteriologist, announces isolation of tuberculosis germs.  
1891 — Britain and Italy reach agreement in Ethiopia, defining frontiers of their Red Sea colonies.  
1924 — Greece is proclaimed a republic.  
1927 — Chinese communists seize Nanking in China.  
1929 — Fascists "win" single-party elections in Italy.  
1955 — New constitution goes into effect in Tanganyika.  
1959 — Iraq withdraws from Baghdad pact.  
1972 — Britain takes over direct control of Northern Ireland in effort to restore peace.  
1974 — Uganda crushes coup attempt against President Idi Amin following machine gun and mortar battle with rebels.  
1987 — Outlawed Irish Republican Army claims responsibility for explosion that injured 31 people at British Armed Forces headquarters in West Germany.

مكتبة



# More incentive needed than mere awards

## Dearth of films with a social conscience

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

NEW rules for this year's National Awards allow for films which achieve the elusive "best" quality in portraying subjects like family welfare, prohibition, women and child welfare, the evils of dowry and drug abuse.

The question that arises is whether an award is enough incentive for a producer to take up unconventional themes and tackle it in an honest, straightforward way. All said and done, a film is made for an audience, which must go to the theatre to make it financially viable. Stories revolving round such themes, however socially relevant they may be, cannot embrace all the usual criterion of entertainment. In competition with the so-called "formula" films, with top stars performing silly antics, such films stand no chance at all.

The second question, is whether films can be tailored to attain specific goals. Opinions on this differ widely. A renowned film maker like Satyajit Ray has always maintained that films cannot be created to suit specific objectives. In that event, they fall within the realm of propaganda, better suited to the Films Division or the govern-

Although this year's national film awards will bestow the elusive 'best' title to a film which portrays a glaring social or national problem, producers by and large shy away from tackling these themes in a realistic and honest manner. Our Bombay correspondent looks at some of the reasons.



Upper-lower caste problems are tackled in Mera Naam Tera Naam where two characters with the same name exchange places.

ment controlled media.

At the other extreme, there are commercial "filmwallahs" who embrace a social purpose, with an eye on tax exemption, a national telecast and other

forms of recognition. They know that the National Awards, decided by an elite jury, are beyond their reach.

At times, however, such mass films do succeed in conveying

the message to a large section of the audience, in their own coarse way. But by and large, they are like any other film, using the social purpose only as a peg to hang the usual trite

structure, or as an attention-drawing label on a routine formula exercise. For example two films are being currently made as a crusade against dowry, called Dulhan Aur Dahej and Hum Dahej Layee Hain. They adopt a weird interpretation of women's lib. In one, the three girls who cannot get grooms turn into Amazons and punish those who indulge in giving or taking of dowry. And this leads to a virtual halt in marriages, which indirectly preaches an entirely different goal of family planning.

Some time back, an established producer, Tahir Hussain, had the cheek to make a comedy Dulha Biktta Hai on this burning problem. It flopped at the box-office, till it was propped up by the entertainment tax relief in some states. After this, it became very profitable. Then, Doordarshan in its wisdom also chose it for an all-India telecast, after giving it good publicity. This brought in more money. But compare all this with the reality, where unmarried girls hang themselves because their parents cannot collect dowry or young brides are burnt off by in-laws in the greed to get more. Instead of tackling such occurrences, the film showed the hero pretending marriage with two girls to get his own two sisters married.

### Fault

Another thorny problem of caste wars and distinctions has been diluted into a comic form by Ramesh Talwar in his new film Mera Naam Tera Naam, financially aided by no less than the National Film Development Corporation. Can anything be more deplorable than reducing the upper-lower caste issue to the level of two men with the same name, Ravi, who decide to exchange places? In a misguided flush of frankness, Ramesh Talwar declared that he got the inspiration from two officers called Ravi working at the N.F.D.C. office itself, (though not exactly with any caste problem). In fact, the film was first titled as Ravi Aur Ravi. So now we know where ideas for new-wave films are acquired if not born.



Amala (left) gets her break with Mithun (centre) and Mukul Anand.

One cannot find further fault with Mera Naam Tera Naam for jumping into romantic escapades, songs and dances, on even the Mandakini routine of the new heroine Tanvi Azmi, gyrating with her lover under an artificial waterfall. Another song the side hero and heroine Suparna (one among the recent dare-dare girls) turned out to be so "hot" that it was voluntarily "censored." We don't know if the two Ravis at N.F.D.C. indulge in all this romancing business. The tragedy of the comedy is that it is not even funny. From a packed invited audience at Bombay's Nehru Centre, the film could barely draw a few chuckles and sniggers, not to speak of the yawns. It has hardly any potential for distributors to buy it.

Ironically, Bhasker Chandavarkar's powerful film Atyachar (Atrocities) on the same problem and funded by the N.F.D.C. itself some years back has been kept under tight wraps, without any effort to get it distributed, promoted or put on the telly. Why produce a film, if it is to be kept suppressed? But the Corporation seems lightly tickled by its new comic adventure. After all, it has whisked away caste conflicts with simply a change of identity. If only such tricks were possible in reality.

Fantasy is generally the solution for all social problems tackled by the makers of formula films. A larger than life

figure of a man or woman arises to solve the problem by taking the law (and some lethal weapon) in his or her own hands. But no social purpose is served by showing a camera-made miracle worker, who brings an end to evil or tyranny or injustice in a magical way. Rather a practical person fighting towards that end, whether with or without success, would help to set an example for others to follow. But in Kudrat Ka Kanooon women's welfare is achieved by the victimised heroine turning into a femme fatale for revenge.

An alternative is to take recourse to the style of the documentary or the new genre of the docu-drama. But then, it tends to make the film too dry and undramatic. And any sign of a documentary, whether in image, sound or the spoken word is almost like poison for most cinegoers. Shyam Benegal's Sussman, dwelt on the idea of having cooperatives for the handloom weavers, who are exploited. But in the absence of a proper dramatic script, the film meandered, lost sight of any climax and ended abruptly. A large part of it looked like a documentary done with fictional characters. So Sussman lies unsold and unreleased till to day.

In my opinion, the only proper way is to shed fake notions and come to the heart of the problem. This must be within a tight narrative struc-

ture, where the mounting drama shakes one up and compensates for all other formulas and frills. That itself will help to re-define what is manoranjana or entertainment, instead of long TV discussions on the theme as some new-wave directors are prone to have.

As for the newly started Awards, (to be given for the films of 1987) we can understand the other relevant social issues. But why has the topic of prohibition been resurrected, when most state governments will have none of it? A good feature film on family welfare, the disguised term for family planning or birth control, will be difficult to find. But why have the new regulations left out national integration, which is the need of the hour? Perhaps, after the nationwide telecasting of Tamas, any film that shows token communal harmony will be looked upon as being ridiculous and puerile. In fact, the only solution possible is for the N.F.D.C. Films Division and the Indian TV to directly finance and promote strong moving films on these problems.

**Firoze Rangoonwalla's column will appear in the Arab Times on Saturdays.**



In Kudrat Ka Kanooon, a woman finds social justice by becoming a femme fatale.

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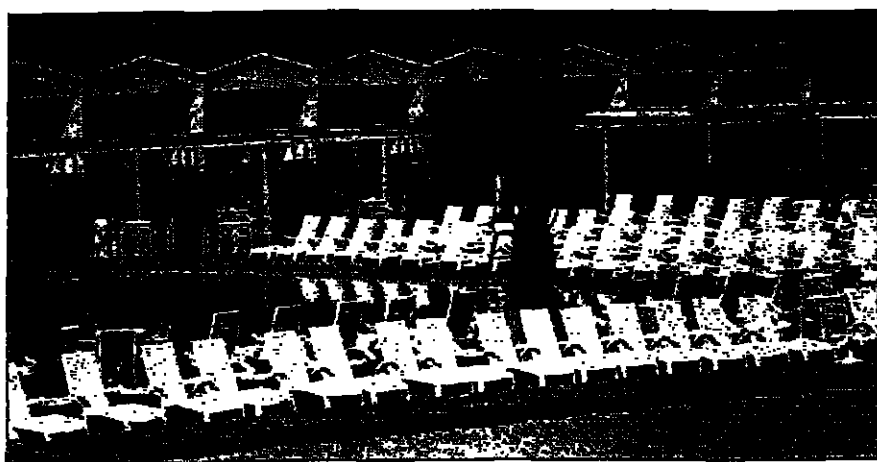
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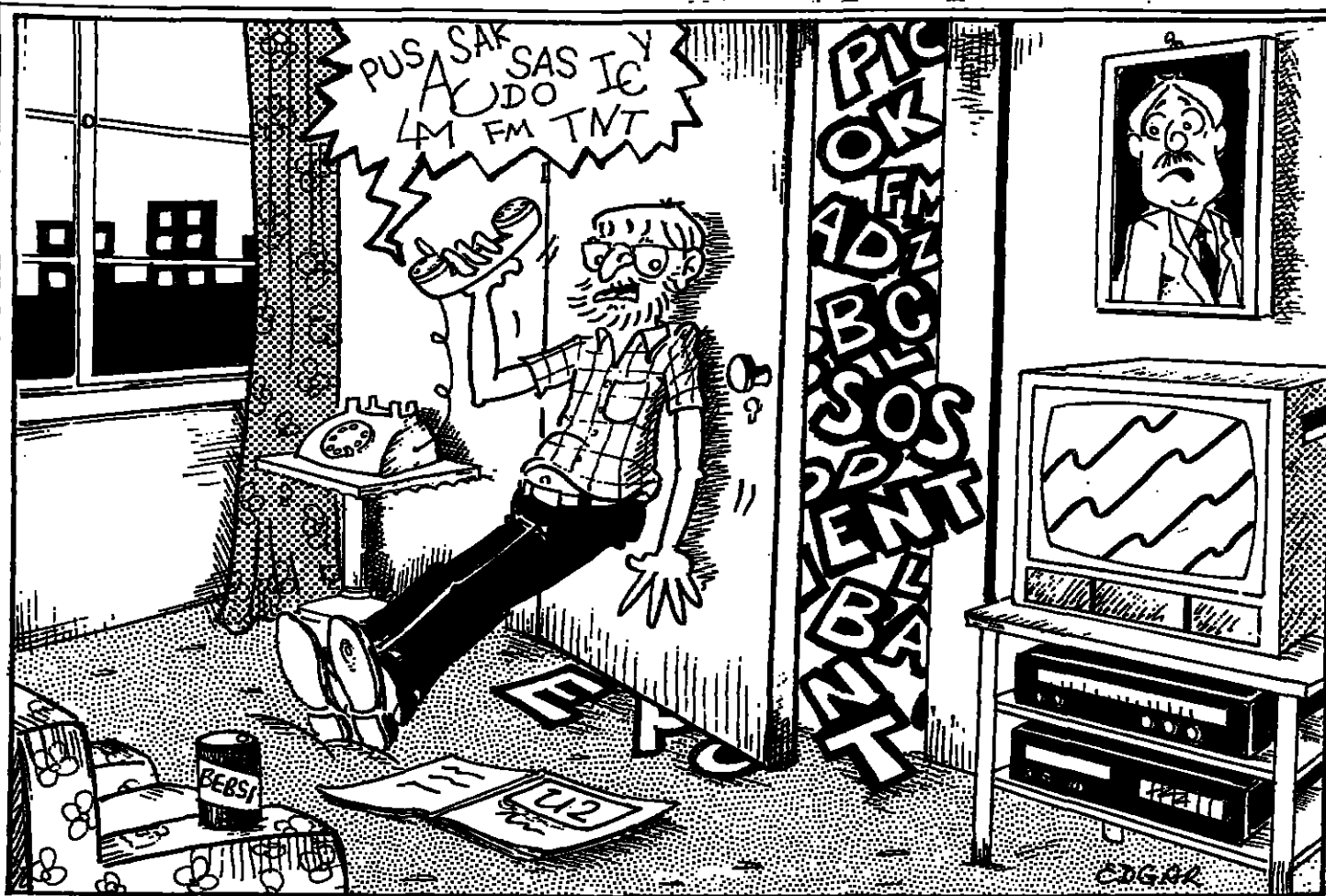
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## ABC of KT

By Keith Wells

I REMEMBER when I first came to Kuwait seeing someone who was obviously very depressed so I asked him what was the matter.

"The AC is not OK need lots of KD to fix it!"

I was completely confused so he tried to explain. "I work for KAC," he said. "But I used to work for KOC and they used to take care of the AC, but KAC don't pay for the AC that has to come out of my own KD."

I wasn't any wiser but I was careful to mind my P's and Q's in case he got more T'd off. In fact, those first few months everyone used so many initials I really understood sweet FA. I even had to join a Q to get my ID. At first I thought AC was the opposite of DC or else it was a cross between AD and BC but then I discovered that was AH which made me feel a bit of a BF. Things got worse when I met a guy who told me he was working at KNPC but was hoping to go to KOTC as soon as he got his CV together. I asked

what he did and he told me he was a T boy. "IC" I said smoothly.

It's understandable, the first time you come from the UK or EEC or even the USA to the GCC or UAE to OD on all the initials no matter if you fly in on KLM, KAC, BA, TWA or even SAS. I felt like sending out an SOS about all the BS that was going on. But I had a word with our GM who sent me to the MD for an ECG but the MD was an ENT specialist who sent me on to a GP who asked if I had VD or PMT before sending me for an X-ray but it was OK so I felt better.

Part of the problem in those days was my flat, it was NBG and I'm useless at DIY and I felt like getting a JCB to level it.

Worse still it was full of bugs. In the end I got some DDT for the AC and got rid of the SOB's.

Sadly DDT didn't work for KTV which is a shame since I could do with some R and R and I wasn't married at the time so there wasn't much TLC, you can't go and watch the GG's nor even get a G and T, so there's no chance of getting the DT's, it's enough to make you TT when all you can drink is KDD! There's nothing happening on Fridays except the AM and FM or the PR on KTV, but I'd rather CATCH some Z's.

And the heat! Even with the AC you can't help getting terrible BO in Q8, bad enough to KO folk at twenty paces though that should be kept QT.

Anyway, after a while I began to understand what was going on. EG, I worked out that all the KD in Q8 came from KPC via PIC, KOC, KPC, KOTC and KNPC with a little help from KPIC, QED.

Then one day the phone rang. I picked it up and said, "A?"

"Mr Keith?"

"E," I said in flawless Kuwaiti dialect.

"You speak English?"

"I!" I replied, switching to a Scots accent.

"We have had bomb warning!"

"O!"

"This is CID HQ we have report someone put TNT in your AC."

"U do?" I yelped, running out of vowels. "Y?"

"We don't know, but suggest you send SOS to SAS PDQ!"

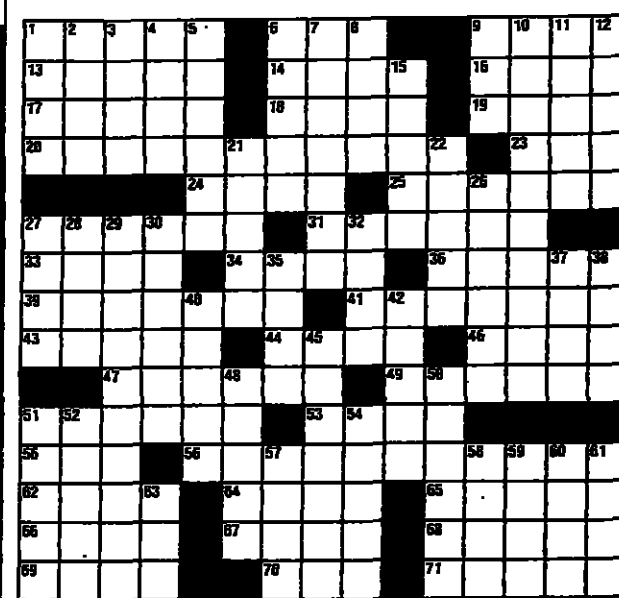
"SAS? TNT? Whatever for?"

"Y I do not know, but UR in danger!"

"OK but what should I B doing about it?"

"Run like L!" was all he said.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- The Mill on the —
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  - Soft drink
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  - Shop window sign
  - "— company..."
  - Greeting for TV's Child?
  - Haggard title
  - Slips on
  - Entrance
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  - "The — Duke"
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  - Vienna, to the
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  - Unbridled
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  - Optimally
  - Riots
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  - 10 Greeting for stage illusionist?
  - 11 Hilo greeting
  - 12 Swiss city on the Rhine
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  - 26 Is dependent on
  - 27 Bitterness
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  - 30 Coves
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  - 37 Ersatz butter
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  - 54 Ill-bred ones

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### GIVE ONE, TAKE ONE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 10 2  
 ♥ 6 5  
 ♦ A 10 9 8  
 ♣ K J 4 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ 8 7 3  
 ♥ Q J 10 8 7  
 ♦ 7 6 2  
 ♣ 10 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 9 4  
 ♥ 9 4 3 2  
 ♦ K Q 5 4  
 ♣ 7 6

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A J 6 5  
 ♥ A K  
 ♦ J 3  
 ♣ A Q 9 8 5

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
 6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

If we were asked for a one-word formula for better play, we would have no problem: Count! Not just points, but also suit length, so that you can gain a picture of all the hands. Had East done so, he might have avoided a fatal error on this deal.

Despite 19 points in high cards,

South did not feel any compulsion to jump shift at his second turn. There was no established fit, so there was no reason to consume bidding space when the final destination was not yet clear. When North showed a reasonable hand with his jump preference, South made up for his conservative approach by bidding what he thought he could make.

West made the natural lead of the top of his sequence. Declarer won, drew trumps in two rounds, cashed the ace of hearts and then ran the jack of diamonds to East's queen. Since a heart return would give declarer a ruff-stuff (declarer would have ruffed a heart loser in dummy had he held one) and a diamond would lead into the table's tenace, East decided his best chance was to find partner with the jack of spades. Unfortunately, that was not the case, and declarer claimed the rest of the tricks.

Had East stopped to count the hand, he could have given his side a fighting chance. Declarer obviously held five clubs, four spades (he did bid the suit), two hearts and two diamonds. A diamond return into the board's tenace would give declarer one discard, but not his contract. South would still have three spades, and either he would have a natural spade loser if West did have the jack, or else he would have to guess the location of the queen to succeed.

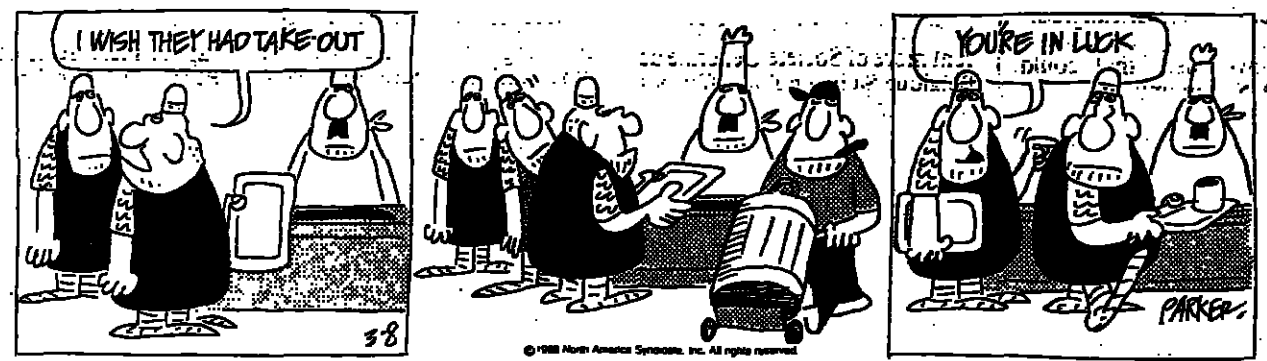
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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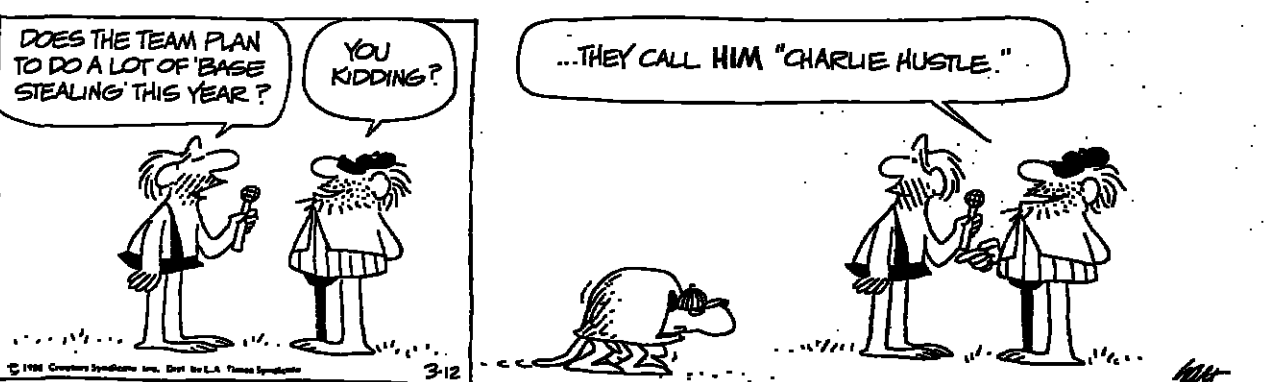
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



**Aries** (March 20 - April 18)

You are more liable to be forgetful so do make notes wherever possible. Avoid making promises you would find it very hard to keep. Do not think things are easier than they are, but nor should you let the difficulties intimidate you. Be prudent.



**Cancer** (June 21 - July 21)

You should make sure you do not waste time on a pointless pursuit. Do your best to stay on good terms with an old friend. Try to keep things simple. Be receptive.



**Libra** (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should try to show a little more goodwill. You will be able to deal with a problem that has been perturbing you. You should avoid being too critical of others. Be reliable.



**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

If you employ a little tact you will succeed beyond your expectations. You will begin to see the fruits of your previous efforts. Love if you wish to be loved. Be sensible.



**Taurus** (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you do not have too many late nights in succession. Do not allow your imagination to run free. Avoid making a mountain out of a molehill. Be more precise.



**Leo** (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Do not allow your imagination to too much rein. You should not attempt to dominate the conversation. Make sure you do not neglect a cold. Be prompt.



**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should devote your energies first of all to clearing up a mystery. Change should be welcome rather than resisted. You will be able to do something much to your liking, but essential chores must not be neglected. Remember that learning is also a matter of practice.



**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should not get annoyed if others do not agree with you in everything. Watch out for mistakes and try to remedy them before it is too late. Listen to what others are saying. Be generous.



**Gemini** (May 20 - June 20)

You should take a little more interest in what is of great interest to your partner. A temptation to spend lavishly should be resisted. Avoid wasting time on trivialities. Be a little more cautious.



**Virgo** (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will have plenty to do so avoid wasting time. You will require all your tact and charm. Make sure you do not give away something told to you in confidence. Be less severe.



**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should try to be a little more patient and forbearing. You should not allow expenditure to exceed the limits you have set yourself. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be moderate.



**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 19)

The planetary influences are good and you should not allow an obstacle to defeat you. You should make sure you do not leave any doors or windows open when you go out. Avoid dwelling on the past. Be courteous.

## The Art Buchwald Column

### Snow in Miotango



away a Marxist now than it did last year.

"I'll take it up with Washington. In exchange, can we have your word that if the Colombian Cartel asks you to help smuggle in cocaine, you'll just say no?"

"You have my word, not only as an officer and gentleman, but as a double agent for the Cubans as well."

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

mockery of Nancy Reagan's 'Just Say No' program.

"Don't you gringos understand? There is no money in killing Marxists. The bucks are all in snow."

"You've been on the CIA payroll for 10 years, General. Surely they pay enough for your needs."

"The CIA pays chicken feed to Central American heads of state. I can't raise a family executing Communists without supplementary income from the Colombian Cocaine Manufacturers Association."

"Why not?"

"I'm sending my kid to an American college."

"General, I might be able to have the drug charges dropped if you promise to step down as the leader of Miotango."

"How can you ask me to step down at the very moment I have a 747 pleneload of poppies flying in from Turkey?"

"It's not me, General. It's Congress. Some people are making charges that

you have smuggled more dope into the United States than any freedom fighter in the Western Hemisphere. The CIA is embarrassed by all the hoopla, particularly because they're getting the heat. You have to mend your ways."

"So what am I supposed to do?"

"Our suggestion is to buy a home on the Riviera with your ill-gotten gains and we'll deny that you were ever in an illegal business of any kind."

"I would love to do it but since being indicted I have become a folk hero in Miotango. As a matter of fact if the United States hadn't indicted me when it did, I would probably be buried in sand up to my head right now. Thanks to your indictment, my people want to elect me for life."

"That's the other thing I came to see you about. If you get reelected, will you still work for us?"

"Of course, you've always treated me well. But I'm going to need money. It costs a lot more to put

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## BILIARY ATRESIA CAN BE SERIOUS IN INFANTS

QUESTION: Can you explain biliary atresia to me?

ANSWER: Biliary atresia is a funny-sounding disease with serious consequences to the very young infant. The word biliary comes from the Latin word "bilis" or bile. Atresia comes from Greek words meaning "without a hole" and means blockage. Babies who have this condition suffer from a blockage in their bile ducts which keeps the bile from flowing normally into the intestines. The result is a "back-up" of bile into the liver which causes "jaundice" or yellowing of the skin and eventually cirrhosis (scar tissue) which interferes with the liver's normal job of metabolizing (changing) carbohydrates, fats and proteins into a form of food the body can use.

As yet, the exact cause is unknown. But researchers suspect a virus near the time of

birth may cause the bile ducts to become infected and swollen.

The most successful treatment is surgery, followed by observation. If bile flow is good, jaundice will soon disappear and liver damage will be stopped. If bile flow is still somewhat reduced, a low-fat diet and extra vitamins will be prescribed to help the liver do a better job.

QUESTION: I never knew that doctors number diseases. Recently my doctor told me that my child had fifth disease. What did he mean?

ANSWER: I can see you are a bit confused but it is easy to straighten out. Normally diseases have names that describe the condition or bear the name of the discoverer. However, in the case of children's diseases, there are five of them that have similar rashes. Four received names. They are German measles, measles, scarlet fever and

roseola (once known as Filatov-Dukes disease or "fourth disease"). When the fifth childhood rash was discovered it was simply named "fifth disease" (it's also known as erythema infectiosum). This disease affects school-age children worldwide, infants and adults only being affected infrequently. Only a low grade fever accompanies the infection, which characteristically produces a rash that gives the child a "slapped-cheek" appearance. This rash fades after about 11 days, is usually itchy and becomes worse if the child is bathed in warm water, becomes upset or rubs the skin. No treatment is required, complications are rare, and this childhood disease is considered to be a very mild one. Compared with some of the jaw-breaking names we give diseases, I think "fifth disease" is a simple one to remember.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## American exports on the rise

# US economy grew faster than first thought

WASHINGTON, March 23. (AP) The US economy expanded at a 4.8 per cent annual rate in the final three months of 1987, even faster than previously thought, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said the Gross National Product (GNP), the broadest measure of the country's economic health, grew from October to December at the fastest pace in almost two years.

**Strength**  
It was the second revision of GNP growth. A month ago the government put GNP growth at 4.5 per cent, up from 4.2 per cent original estimate made in January immediately after the quarter ended.

Today's revisions showed

more strength than previously believed in such key sectors as consumer spending, business investment and US exports.

Economists said the GNP report was one more indication that the country will enjoy continued economic growth during this presidential election year without a recession.

This is a more positive outlook than many analysts had immediately following the record Oct 19 collapse of the stock market. At that time, there were fears that worried consumers would topple the country into a new recession.

The upward revision in GNP growth in the fourth quarter pushed growth for the year to a rate of 4 per cent, compared to 2.2 per cent growth in 1986. It

was the biggest annual increase since a 5.1 per cent rise in 1984.

This figure measures growth from the fourth quarter to the fourth quarter each year. Averaging growth of all four quarters showed the GNP expanded 2.9 per cent in 1987, the same as 1986.

**Growth**  
The 4.8 per cent GNP growth in the fourth quarter followed growth of 4.3 per cent in the July-September quarter and was the fastest quarterly growth rate since an increase of 5.4 per cent in the first three months of 1986.

The rapid growth occurred without a rise in inflation. A price index tied to the GNP rose at an annual rate of 3.6 per cent in the fourth quarter, little changed from a 3.4 per cent third quarter

increase.

In a second report, the Commerce Department said US corporations' after-tax profits rose 1.6 per cent in the fourth quarter, the poorest showing since profits fell 3.7 per cent in the first quarter of 1987. Profits were up 3.5 per cent in the third quarter.

**Spending**

The upward GNP revision today was in line with the expectations of economists, who have been boosting their own forecasts of 1988 growth in light of better-than-expected economic news so far this year.

The report showed that consumer spending slowed in the fourth quarter, less than previously believed, falling at an annual rate of 2.5 per cent in-

stead of an earlier estimate of 3.1 per cent.

In other good news, the report said American exports were rising at an annual rate of 15.9 per cent, faster than earlier thought, helping to narrow the US trade deficit. Also boosting growth was a 1.6 per cent rise in business investment spending. A month ago, the government had estimated that business investment actually fell during the quarter.

Although the data confirmed that inflation remained relatively tame for now, Federal Reserve officials and private economists are worried that price pressures might intensify later this year because of emerging bottlenecks in the economy.

The central bank's latest

survey of business conditions around the nation, released on Friday, showed that prices of some goods, such as steel and paper, were already rising sharply because of capacity constraints.

If inflation started bubbling because of a strong economy, the Federal Reserve would be forced to raise interest rates to cool demand and production, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan warned Congress last week.

The consumer prices report showed that inflation measured 3.9 per cent in the 12 months ending in February.

At a seasonally adjusted annual rate, prices rose 3.2 per cent in January and February, compared with a 4.4 per cent rise during all of 1987.

## Congress eyes foreign investor registration

WASHINGTON, March 23. (Reuter) Despite dire warnings from Reagan administration officials, Congress is considering trade proposals to require foreign investors in the United States to identify themselves and their holdings.

House and Senate trade negotiators were meeting today to discuss the disclosure measure, which has generated considerable support from those who fear the United States, now a debtor nation, was selling its assets abroad.

"You have to wonder if, in some sectors, we're becoming a clone of old Singapore, where Americans do the piece work, other nations reap the profit and keep the high-skill, good-pay jobs for themselves," said Democratic Senator Lawton Chiles of Florida yesterday.

**Proposal**  
The White House wants to head off the proposal, calling it contradictory to American tradition and a threat to the inflow of foreign investment that could hurt the US economy.

"If we decide we're somehow going to limit foreign investment, one of the potential results will be higher interest rates, no doubt about it," warned Treasury Secretary James Baker in Capitol Hill testimony a week ago.

The principal sponsor of the measure is Democratic Congressman John Bryant of Texas, whose proposal was approved by the House in its version of a trade bill last year.

The Senate version does not include these provisions, but its committees were hearing testimony on the issue this week.

## Future prospects remain dull

# Soviet bloc economies slowed in '87

GENEVA, March 23. (Reuter) Soviet bloc economies, after expanding strongly in 1986, slowed down last year due mainly to a fall in farm output, weak demand for exports and lagging efficiency, United Nations economists said today.

The annual economic survey for 1987-88 by the secretariat of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) said the Soviet economy grew by 2.3 per cent in 1987, compared with 4.1 per cent in the previous year.

**Dropped**  
Performances varied among its six East European partners — Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania — but growth for this group as a whole dropped to 3.2

percent from 4.6 percent in 1986. Bad weather considerably damaged crops in 1987 and, although farm production rose slightly in the Soviet Union, it dropped by 0.6 per cent in the other communist states taken together.

Demand for exports fell, and efforts to improve economic efficiency failed to produce expected gains, the survey said. "There was no success in reducing energy and raw material consumption per unit of output as projected. The engineering branch was mainly responsible for shortfalls in the production and delivery of equipment which had been expected to boost efficiency in other branches," the survey said.

The outlook for the commun-

ist bloc in 1988 envisaged an increase in growth of a little more than three per cent, it added.

All seven countries would need to make big efforts to catch up lost momentum in the remaining years of their respective 1986-1990 five-year economic plans, and some plan targets might be already out of reach, it added.

**Stagnated**

The 34-nation ECE, which groups all European nations together with the United States and Canada, said East-West trade stagnated in 1987. Future prospects remained dull, although economic reforms in Soviet bloc states were aimed at increasing export incentives, the survey said.

The Soviet Union, seeking to

compensate for collapsed prices for its oil, and for US dollar depreciation, cut Western imports by 10 per cent in the first nine months in 1987, while increasing exports to the West, mainly crude oil and natural gas, by five per cent — far short of a 21 per cent jump in 1986.

**Exports**

Moscow's East European partners increased Western exports by only one per cent, and also prolonged import restraints.

Total Soviet hard currency debt rose to about \$25 billion at the end of 1987 from \$23 billion in 1986, while that of its six allies climbed to an estimated \$75 billion from \$65 billion. Depreciation of the dollar exchange rate was the main

reason for the increases, the survey said.

"Balance of payments constraints, imposed by stagnating exports, present Eastern decision makers with several problems."

"On the one hand, boosting import growth would cause a deterioration in the currency account and require the acceptance of a higher level of indebtedness. On the other hand, restraints on imports are likely to hinder domestic economic growth and the modernisation drive."

"The latter is of key importance if the East is to improve its export capacity, reverse the decline in its international competitiveness, and move towards the goal of currency convertibility," the survey said.

## Italian investor wins 3.53pc more of Generale

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 23. (AP) Italian investor Carlo De Benedetti obtained 3.53 per cent more of Societe Generale de Belgique Sa in a public offer but this probably leaves him short of gaining control of Belgium's Premier Holding Company, officials said yesterday.

An official at De Benedetti's French investment company Cerus Sa, who asked not to be named, did not know whether the public offer gave the Italian and his allies control of the company.

This alliance claimed to control 47.01 per cent of the capital before yesterday. The newly purchased shares would apparently raise this to 50.54 per cent. But the Cerus official said the 47.01 per cent might have included

some shares from the public offer.

Because of possible double-counting, the official said he "thought" the share was below 50 per cent, yet did not rule out De Benedetti might have a majority.

**Alliance**  
On March 10, a Franco-Belgian alliance opposing De Benedetti claimed to control 50.7 per cent of Societe Generale, which has a stake in a third of the Belgian economy.

Yesterday's announcement was the latest twist in one of Europe's biggest — and most complex — takeover battles. It failed to provide definite clues about the outcome, more than two months after De Benedetti first announced his bid for 166-

year-old Societe Generale.

Meanwhile, a court case is still pending on a Societe Generale capital increase to fend off De Benedetti. The ruling in that case might still dramatically change the stakes, each side claims to hold.

Cerus, the investment firm, through which De Benedetti vies for control of Societe Generale, said yesterday it had obtained 1,087 million additional shares, or 3.53 per cent of the company's total share capital, including warrants.

Cerus launched a public offer for the extra shares on Feb 15. The bid was to have expired March 4 but has since been extended.

The offer was designed to acquire 2.1 million shares, or

about 7 per cent of the share capital of Societe Generale.

Cerus offered 8,000 francs (\$228) for ordinary shares in the last stage of its public offer.

Reacting to yesterday's announcement, the management of Societe Generale, which opposes De Benedetti, said there were no defections from the Franco-Belgian alliance to Cerus' camp.

De Benedetti wants to turn Societe Generale into the platform of a pan-European holding company while the Franco-Belgian group wants to keep the company firmly entrenched in the Belgian economic fabric.

Yesterday, Societe Generale announced its net profit in 1987 fell 22.1 per cent to stand at 4,138 billion francs (\$118 million).

## India projects 15pc export growth

NEW DELHI, March 23. (Xinhua) The Indian commerce ministry has proposed a 12 to 15 per cent growth in the country's exports for 1988-89 over the expected level of Rs 147 billion (\$11.3 billion) in the current year.

The major areas where a higher growth is proposed include textiles, gems and jewellery, chemicals, leather, engineering goods including electronics, man-made fabrics and drugs and pharmaceuticals. These sectors have already been identified as "thrust areas" for export promotion in the coming years.

## Insurance firm will pay at least \$8m for missing zeros

NEW YORK, March 23. (AP) Perhaps three zeros mean nothing by themselves, but leaving them off the end of a number is going to cost the United States' largest insurer at least \$8 million. Prudential Insurance Co. of America is offering the payment to settle claims resulting from a clerical error in which a lien it held was listed as worth \$92,885 instead of \$92,885,000.

**Settlement**  
US Bankruptcy Judge Howard Buschman III heard the closing arguments on the proposed settlement yesterday and is expected to rule in several days.

"Why, because of a clerical error, should we give up \$92 million dollars?" Prudential

spokesman Joseph Vecchione asked.

If Buschman knocks down the proposed settlement and decides the lien is only worth \$92,885, Prudential would collect only that much. The rest of its claim would be thrown into the pool with other creditors.

The case is part of the bankruptcy proceedings of McLean Industries Inc., parent of United States Lines. Prudential holds the lien in connection with mortgages on eight of the company's container ships.

The sale of the eight Lancer-class ships was expected to raise at least \$51 million, all of which ordinarily would go to Prudential because the lien puts it at the head of the line of creditors.

But the missing zeros have weakened Prudential's standing.

Prudential is proposing to pay the shipping company 17.1-2 per cent of the sale's net proceeds, an estimated \$8 million. That money would be distributed among other creditors, most of whom support the proposal.

**Deal**  
But General Electric Corp., which shares a second mortgage on the ships with Prudential, opposes the deal, saying the lien should be considered worth \$92,885.

The settlement is not "in the best interests of the bankruptcy estate," Sandy Mayerson, a lawyer representing GE capital, said yesterday.

## OAU envoys to press for international debt conference

LUSAKA, Zambia, March 23. (AP) The 50-nation Organisation of African Unity is to send special envoys to Western capitals to promote the idea of an international conference on the continent's foreign debts, it was announced here today.

Zambian Foreign Minister Luke Mwanashikulu told reporters this was the outcome of a two-day meeting of a 12-nation OAU contact group set up last year to explore ways of easing Africa's debt burden.

**Location**

OAU states owe more than \$170 billion, mainly to the West. The minister said the OAU hoped a conference could be held in November or December at a location yet to be decided.

## Bankruptcy reorganisation plan approved

WHITE PLAINS, New York, March 23. (AP) Texaco Inc. yesterday said its shareholders have overwhelmingly approved its financial reorganisation plan, and a federal judge opened a hearing on whether to implement the proposal.

A final tally showed 96 per cent, of 174 million of the 181 million shares that voted, favoured the plan, Texaco said in a statement.

US Bankruptcy Court Judge Howard Schwartzberg yesterday opened a hearing in the oil giant's historic bankruptcy protection case.

**Plan**  
Even though the plan received more than the two-third vote needed from shareholders, Schwartzberg was not bound by the results. The final decision on whether the plan was fair and equitable rested with the judge. The plan would allow Texaco

to emerge from Bankruptcy Court protection.

Shortly before the hearing began, Harvey Miller, the Bankruptcy lawyer representing Texaco, said attorneys for dissident shareholders had dropped their opposition to the reorganisation plan.

Those stockholders had objected to provisions in the plan that would free officers and advisers of Texaco, Pennzoil Co., the former Getty Oil Co., the Sarah Getty Trust and the J. Paul Getty Museum from all liability arising out of the court fight that resulted from a Texaco-Pennzoil court fight.

The nation's third largest oil company filed for chapter 11 protection from its creditors last April 12, the biggest US company ever to do so. Texaco claimed it was forced into the move by a requirement that it post a multibillion dollar bond

while appealing the \$10.3 billion judgment held against it by Pennzoil.

In November 1985, a Houston jury awarded the judgment to Houston-based Pennzoil after finding Texaco had interfered improperly with a Pennzoil agreement to acquire part of Getty Oil, before it bought Getty itself.

**Accord**  
Texaco agreed in December to pay Pennzoil \$3 billion to drop the judgment. The settlement was the keystone of an overall bankruptcy reorganisation plan that also provided for Texaco to pay its other creditors an additional \$2.5 billion.

If the plan does not go through by March 30 — as agreed to in the December accord with Pennzoil — the oil giant's position would worsen, as it either would have to pay the full multibillion-dollar judgment or gamble on the slim

possibility that the US Supreme Court might hear its appeal and ultimately reverse or alter the decision.

Some shareholders were also unhappy with certain anti-takeover provisions of Texaco's charter and bylaws that were seen as entrenching management and lessening its accountability for its actions.

Especially vocal has been takeover specialist Carl C. Icahn, who controls 14.8 per cent of Texaco's common stock, making him the company's largest shareholder. The Wall Street Journal reported in yesterday's edition that Icahn voted in favour of Texaco's reorganisation plan.

Icahn's involvement — along with reported interest by fellow takeover artist T. Boone Pickens and unidentified other parties — has made Texaco a prime target for takeover speculation in recent weeks.

## World Business Summary

### Mazda US subsidiary blasts American parts suppliers

ANN ARBOR, Michigan, March 23. (Reuter) The head of Mazda Motor Corp's US subsidiary harshly criticised its American parts suppliers on Tuesday, saying US-made parts have three to five times more defects than their Japanese counterparts. Osamu Nobuto, president of Mazda Motor Manufacturing USA Corp, told an auto industry conference here that about half the car parts Mazda uses to assemble plants at its Flat Rock, Michigan, plant are American. He said he would like to raise that to 70 per cent but is concerned about the quality.

"To the Japanese, defective parts are a kind of a shame and a sin. Americans believe it is inevitable to have defects — they take the attitude that if anything is wrong, we will replace it," he said at the international automotive industry conference at the University of Michigan. Nobuto said US suppliers are satisfied if 90 per cent of their parts are satisfactory and do not strive to improve that level. "Yet we cannot expect our customers to be satisfied with a vehicle that is only 90 per cent defect-free," Nobuto said.

He said he was shocked when some US parts suppliers told him that if the company insisted on higher quality, rather than receiving replacements for defective parts, the suppliers would no longer do business with Mazda. Mazda currently buys parts from about 50 American suppliers, and does business with 400 companies in Japan. Like many other Japanese firms, it is under pressure to obtain more of its supplies domestically to reduce costs. The year's rise against the dollar has made Japanese parts considerably more expensive.

### Gulf producers call on local shippers to lift more exports

ABU DHABI, March 23. (Reuter) Gulf Arab petrochemical producers have called on Gulf-owned shipping firms to increase their share in exporting the region's annual output of nine million tonnes. "National shipping agencies are invited to increase their investments in the field of transporting our products," said a statement on Tuesday by the first Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) petrochemical producers conference. Regional producers met for two days here and discussed ways to promote exports by improving support services.

The oil-rich GCC states have invested more than \$20 billion in building a petrochemical industry. The GCC annually produces about five million tonnes of petrochemicals and 4.5 million tonnes of fertilisers. Regional shipping companies lift just 10 per cent of the GCC output, most of which is exported. The industry experts also discussed setting up a combined fleet to avoid high shipping fees.

"It is not an easy project. A decision on this issue requires higher level meetings," said Badr Al-Suwaidi, general manager of the UAE national fertiliser company, Fertil, told Reuters.

The GCC also groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

### US backs expanded IADB

CARACAS, March 23. (Reuter) The United States, sounding more conciliatory than in recent days, has told the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) it will back an expanded role for the lending agency once reforms are agreed upon.

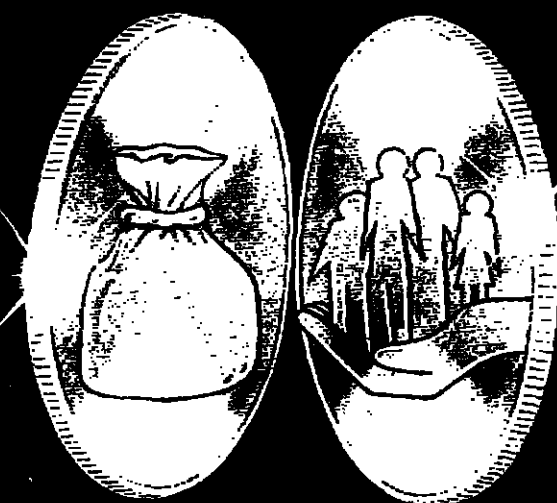
US Assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford, in a formal address before the annual meeting of the bank, said Washington stands ready to resume constructive discussions on all aspects of the bank's operations.

He told financial leaders from 44 member countries that "this includes a substantial replenishment of the bank provided we can reach a consensus on the essential elements of reform." A dispute over the bank's lending policies and its voting structure has held up new funding for the agency, slowing development aid into financially strapped Latin America.

Speaking with reporters earlier this week, Undersecretary of State Allen Wallis, who heads the US delegation to the meeting, said the United States would not even discuss new funding until reforms were put in place. The reforms include a greater say for Washington in approving loans.

The bank, which in the past has concentrated on making loans to help build roads, increase food production and other development needs, is being pressed by the United States to change its lending policy to include loans to help bring about economic reform. Under discussion is a funding for about \$23 billion of which only a small part would be put up by countries, including the United States.

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	17/1	17/1	UTO BRAND	49/2	49/4	49/4
	39/4	39/4	UTI TECH	41/6	41/7	41/7
	31/2	31/1	UGI CORP	26/7	26/6	26/6
	81/0	81/5	UNILEVER	61/4	61/5	61/5
	25/1	25/1	UNION CAMP	35/7	35/7	35/7
	19/3	19/2	UNION CARB	24/3	24/3	24/3
	8/0	8/1	US SHOE	24/2	24/2	24/2
	47/0	46/6	USX CP	51/1	51/1	51/1
	22/2	22/0	US MEST	52/5	53/0	53/0
	90/2	90/0	VALERO EN	39/4	38/2	38/2
	74/7	74/7	VALLEY IND	2/4	2/5	2/5
	7/2	7/1	VARCO INTL	5/4	5/5	5/5

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## International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt — Lufthansa International Finance N.V. is issuing a bullet 500 mln mark 10-year Eurobond with a 5-7/8 pct coupon priced at par, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (RTVW 1153)

London — Nippon Seiko K.K. is issuing a 200 mln dir equity warrant bond due April 8, 1993, paying an indicated 4-5/8 pct and priced at par, Nomura International Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUR 1019)

Hong Kong — International banks here are jockeying for a role in the forthcoming 200 mln US dir Bank of China loan, the first of a series of borrowings for the Daya Bay Nuclear power plant near Hong Kong, bankers told Reuters. (RTVP 1147)

Brussels — The European Economic Community is to raise 100 billion lire through a seven-year bond to be issued in the United States, a spokesman for the community's executive commission said. (RTXN 1352)

Bonn — A West German withholding tax on investment earnings will not be applied to accrued interest on bonds, a finance ministry official said. (RTWV 1331) recent Federal bond prices rose roughly 20 points on the news.

Zurich — Credit Suisse said it was issuing an eight year subordinated bond of around 150 mln Swiss francs bond with warrants to buy bearer shares in the bank. (RTVX 1159)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-11/16 9/16	8-5/8 8/16	8-11/16 9/16
FFI 3.20/35	3.40/45	3.40/45
PAR 7-5/16 3/8	7-3/4 7/8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-3/8 1-5/8	1-5/8 1-7/8
BRX 6.30	6.00 1/8	6-1/8 1/4
ROM 10-3/8 10-7/8	11-3/8 11-7/8	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS 3-0/0 3-1/2	3-7/8 4-0/0	4-0/0 4-1/8
TOK 3.5000 5625	3.8750 9375	3.8750 9375
ECU 6.187 6.312	6.25 6.37	6.43 6.56

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average K/D interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5	5 1/2
3 months	4 15/16	5 1/16
6 months	4 7/8	5 3/8
1 year	4 13/16	5 7/16

## BOMBAY

PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	64.50	64	64	MICO	497.50	497.50	500
ACC	140	142.50	139	GRASIM	86.50	87	86	MUKAND	79	79
ASIA PAINT	142.50	141.25	140	GSFC	97	97.50	97	ORICA	19	18.50
BAJAJ AUTO	406.25	407.50	397.50	HIND LEVER	63	63	63	PEICO	25.50	25.25
BAR. RAYON	175	175	175	HINDALCO	123	121.50	122	PFIZER	64.50	63
BOM. DYING	127	128	126.50	HINDCOBA	76.25	75	75	PRE. AUTO	25	25.50
BR. BOND	82	81	83	HINDMOTCO	16.50	16.50	16.50	RAYMOND	45.50	44.50
BSE INDEX	405.40	402.98	402.98	HIND ORG	15.25	15.25	15.25	RELIANCE	82	82
CENTURYSPG	772.50	775	775	INDRAYON	50	50	50	SIEMENS	60	59.50
COLGATE	177.75	175	175	INDROL	137.50	141.25	146.25	SPIC	24	24.50
DEEPAKFEET	25.50	26	25.50	ITC	33.50	33	34	STDMILLS	215	215
EL. HOTEL	43	42	43	JKSYNTH	57.50	57	56	TATA PWR	190	187.50
ESKAYEF	163.75	165	165	L AND T	81	82	80	TATACHEM	61	60.50
ESSAR	17	17	17	MAHINDRA	52	53	52.50	TELCO	400	405
GAR. POLY	74.50	73.50	72.50	MASTERSHR	9.12	9	9.12	TISCO	633.75	640
GE. SHIP	24.15	24.25	24.50	MATHER PL	92	92	93	VOLTA	240	237.50

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	248.1
ALLIANZ VR	1405.0
BADENWERK	177.0
BAF	251.8
BAYER	272.7
BAYER HYP	361.0
BAYER VER	351.0
BBC	314.0
BHF	372.5
BHW	519.5
CHENIE-VER	0
COMMERZB	234.0
CONTI GUM	252.0
DATHEM REW	668.0
DEUTSCHE BANK	427.8
FRY	342.9
DRESNER-B	254.7
DT BARCOCK	158.0
FAZ INDEX	474.14
GOLDSCHEID	250.0
GUTERHOFF	0
HARPENER	403.5
HOECHST AG	266.9
HOESCH	115.8
HORTEN	189.0
HUSSEL HLD	479.0
KALI SALZ	143.8
KARSTADT	470.0
KAUHOFF	407.0
KLOECK H	104.0
KLOECK W	0
LINDE	596.0
LUFTHANSA	159.0
NAN	163.6
NANNESMAN	127.5
MERCEDES	555.0
METALLGES	268.0
NIXDORF PF	570.5
NORSK RYD	52.0
PHILIP KON	630.1
PORSCHE	526.0
PREUSSAG	152.0
PWA	204.5
RHEIN	209.6
RHEIN P	201.5
RHEINMETAL	276.0
SALAMANDER	266.0
SCHERING	463.0
SEL	323.0
STEMENS	398.5
THYSEN	130.3
VARTA	280.0
VEBA	261.5
VEW	163.3
VOLKSWAGEN	250.0

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	14.90
CHINA C	7.80
CHINA GAS	16.50
CHINA L-P	18.70
CHINA MOT	18.70
COSMO PROP	4.30
EVERGOLD	3.33
FAR EAST C	7.77
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELOP	8.85
H S INDEX	594.80
HANG LUNG	4.80
HANG SENG	33.50
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	8.15
HK KOWLOON	7.00
HK LAND CO	7.80
HK SAN BK	7.40
HK SHAN HT	3.97
HK TELE CO	7.45
HUTCHINSON	8.80
IND ELEC PAC	9.10
JARDINE H	12.30
KOWLOON H	11.50
MEU WORLD	9.30
PAUL Y CON	1.77
REALTY DEV	5.90
S H K CO	1.81
S H K PROP	9.95
SINE DARY	1.53
STELLUX MFG	5.90
SUTRE PAC	18.00
T V B CO	14.00
TAI CHEUNG	3.47
CHINA BANK	1.63
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HAD	0
WORLD INTL	3.37

## AMMAN

OPMG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	
ARAB BANK	
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	4.35 4.25
ARAB INSURANCE	0.94 0.94
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.96 0.97
ARAB INT. UNIONS	0.53 0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.12 2.10
ARAB PAPER CO/TRD	
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.08 2.06
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76 0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00 30.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.40 0.40
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.49 1.47
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.05 4.05
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.33 1.32
GENERAL MINING	1.50 1.45
HIMEN MINERALS	0.79 0.79
HOLY LAND INS.	1.15 1.20
IND./MATCH JEMCO	
INDSTR. DEVELT BKK	1.34 1.34
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.40 1.40
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTERN. CO/INV	0.64 0.64
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.96 0.96
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.75 0.75
JERUSALEM INS.	1.32 1.30
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60 13.60
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.05 1.05
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50 2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	
JOR LIN BRICK	
JOR MANAC/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	
JOR PAPER CARDBROG	
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00 2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.00 3.65
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	
JOR SECURIT. CORP	0.91 0.91
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.35 4.30
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00 1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	
JOR. FRENCH INS.	
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.32 0.33
JORDAN DAIRY	1.02 1.01
JORDAN GULF BANK	
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94 0.95
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	13.85 13.90
JORDAN KUNAIT BANK	
JORDAN TANNING	
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.75 0.75
MACH/ENG/REH/MAN	0.83 0.92
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.75
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.40
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00 60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60 0.60
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/MF	
NATIONAL ALKIA INS	
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	
NATIONAL STEEL	
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA BANK	
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50 0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.69 0.68
RAJIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80 0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	
SHIPPING LINES	
SPINNING WEAVING	
THE HOUSING BANK	
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50 2.50
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	
UNIVERSAL INS.	
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85 0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10 1.08

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	SECTOR	BC-A	70.00	73.00	71.50
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN			
AC-A	9.10	9.40	9.10	LC-B	.46 .47 .47
ANS	4.35	4.40	4.35	LC-C	.47 .48 .48
FER-A	2.38	2.50	2.38	LC-D	.37 .38 .37
FER-B	2.38	2.50	2.38	LC-E	.38 .39 .38
PLDT	142.00	143.00	143.00	LC-F	.015 .016 .015
KPSI-A	1.44	1.50	1.50	LC-G	.015 .017 .017
SNC-B	129.00	130.00	129.00	LC-H	.0026 .003 .0028
SNC-C	153.00	160.00	153.00	LC-I	.0026 .003 .0028
MINING SECTOR				LC-J	.0035 .036 .036
APX-A	.03	.031	.031	OPM-A	.035 .036 .036
APX-B	.031	.033	.033	OPM-B	.036 .038 .038
AT-A	22.00	22.25	22.00	OV-A	.032 .033 .033
				OV-B	.033 .035 .035

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM.-IND.	459,510	7,419,245	758.56	0.43 UP
MINING	37,899,550	11,055,500	5,121.55	27.03 DN
OIL	72,100,000	3,077,840	5.522	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	110,459,060	19,552,685	762.81	1.11 DN

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	SECTOR	BC-A	71.00	75.00	71.00
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN			
SNC-A	129.00	130.00	129.00	LC-B	71.50 80.00
SNC-B	153.00	155.00	153.00	LC-C	.46 .47 .47
ST-TIRE	27.50	28.00	27.50	LC-D	.47 .48 .47
PLDT	142.00	143.00	143.00	ZIP	.012 .013 .013
ANSOR	4.35	4.40	4.35	OIL SECTOR	
AC-A	9.10	9.20	9.10	BP-A	.015 .016 .015
GLO	32.00	32.50	32.50	BP-B	.015 .016 .015
FER-A	2.30	2.50	2.30	LC-A	.0026 .0028 .0026
FER-B	2.40	2.48	2.40	LC-B	.0026 .003 .0026
MINING SECTOR				LC-C	.0035 .036 .036
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN		OPM-A	.035 .036 .036
APX-A	.03	.031	.031	OPM-B	.037 .038 .037
APX-B	.031	.032	.032	OV-A	.033 .034 .033
AT-A	22.00	22.25	22.00	OV-B	.034 .035 .035
AT-B	23.00	24.00	24.00	TA	.022 .023 .023

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUES	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	442,215	9,085,585	745.7	UP 1.55
MINING	92,273,600	4,338,400	4,259.90	DN 187.60
OILS	80,500,000	1,663,700	5.794	DN .054
TOTAL	173,215,815	15,057,685	729.42	DN 10.54

## SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	GUINNESS	253	255	LION CORP	153	153
			GULA	-----		M UTO MFG <td>63<td>64</td></td>	63 <td>64</td>	64
AJINOMOTO	285	285	H	123	125	M WATA	510	510
ALEXANDRA	170	170	H TAI PAN	51.5	54	M WATA	55	53
AMAL IND	112	112	HARIMA	96	97	MAGNUM	206	203
ANG HLDGS	210	210	HAN PAR	304	312	MALEK IND	380	380
ANCOL	139	133	KEXA	106	105	MARCOPOLO	89.5	92
BA TOB	158	160	HIND HOTL	33	33	MCB HLDGS	72	71
C & C	215	224	HTL M WTA	560	560	MENANG	47.5	46
CARLSBERG	570	570	HS NEG	350	350	METAL BOX	410	400
COLD STOR	418	427	HTL PROPS	91	93	METRO	640	650
DATAPRI	87	87	HTL ROYAL	123	123	MULHAI	19	19
DKH	490	490	HUNE IND	178	178	MULHAI LTD	34.5	34.5
DUNLOP IND	83.5	84.5	HWA HONG	94.5	96	MURATA LTD	30	30
DUDBURY	450	450	INATEX	29	29	N ST TIME	318	326
ESSO CORP	372	370	INTRACO	225	220	NATL IRON	630	640
EU YAN S	195	195	ISETAN	488	492	NOL LTD	140	147
EVERPEACE			J CEMENT	60	63.5			
F A C B	60	60	J ENGRG	229	233	OLIE	378	398
F E ASSET	47	47	J C EMT	97	97	PALMCO	49.5	49.5
F E SHIP	202	204	K G HLDGS	120		ROBINSON	222	230
F&M CORP	880	895	K KELLAS	283		S PRESS	790	795
FEB CABLE			K L IND	31.5		S SHIP	250	254
FEED FLOW	560	560	KAHUNTING	466		SATERAS	45	46.5
FEN TON	72	66	K SANG	120		SEAL INC	89	89
FEN CORP	250	250	KENTUCKY	224	231	SEAVIEW	179	185
GENENT	70	71	KEPPEL	217	223	SHELL ORD	464	454
GENENT	420	428	KG FLOOR	226	226	SEA	1140	1160
GOLD COIN	185	185	KIAN JDO	238	238	SIN HENG	270	270
GOLDWOOD	1050	1050	KINGS HTL	145	145	SOOTH (M)	84	84
GRAND CEN	102	102	KUMP EMAS	87	86.5	SSANGYONG	94	94
IGSI	123	127	L K GGRP	85	85	SSANGYONC	366	366



## EEC set to sign cooperation accord with GCC

BRUSSELS, March 23, (Reuters): The European Economic Community and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) began talks today which could lead to a free trade pact between the two blocks, EEC officials said.

Negotiators from the Community and the six Arab states of the GCC were expected to conclude on Thursday an agreement on stepping up scientific, industrial and political cooperation.

EEC officials said the accord would be very general but would commit both sides not to introduce any new tariffs or trade barriers against each other.

### Purpose

Its main purpose was to open the way for talks on a much more far-reaching trade agreement between the 12 nation Community and GCC members — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, — they said.

Diplomats said it would also signal political support from the EEC for Arab states threatened by the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

However, EEC sources said member states were still far from agreement on how far the Community should open its markets to Gulf exports.

At present the EEC crude oil from the Gulf free of duty but imposes tariffs on the region's petrochemical exports to protect its own industry.

Gulf states, suffering from a heavy drain on their resources because of their support for Iraq in its war against Iran, have applied to the EEC to end these tariffs but some EEC member states say they must stay in place.

## Japan cuts back on oil imports from Mideast

TOKYO, March 23, (Kuna): Japan imported 16.9 million kilolitres of oil last February, representing a decline of 4.9 per cent against the preceding month, according to official figures published today.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said oil imports from the Middle East dropped by 4.5 per cent to 11.1 million kilolitres, and liftings of Opec oil also dipped to 73 per cent in February compared to 73.6 in January.

Despite a 22 per cent reduction in imports of UAE oil last month, the UAE was still the main supplier with a 2.9 million kilolitre share.

### Largest

Saudi Arabia was the second largest Middle East exporter of oil to Japan, showing an upsurge of 19.1 per cent to 2.4 million kilolitres.

For the first time, Iraq managed to double exports to the Japanese market with a 1.5 million kilolitres chunk, while Japanese imports of Iranian oil edged down by 5.6 per cent to only 920,000 kilolitres.

Imports of Kuwait oil reached 448,000 kilolitres and liftings from the neutral zone shared by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia amounted to 466,000 kilolitres.

Egypt won major inroads into the Japanese market, having increased its small share by 118.9 per cent to 267,000 kilolitres.

## Non-Opec producers come under fire

# Opec price committee to meet

LAGOS, March 23, (Reuters): Opec's price committee will meet in Vienna in the first week of April, the group's President Rikman said today.

Lukman, Nigeria's oil minister, told a news conference in Lagos that the five-member committee would review an audit of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' production in the first quarter of 1988.

"Our meeting is to review the programme in the first quarter and by the time we meet we will have indicative figures for February and March," Lukman said.

He did not announce the exact dates of the meeting, saying he would consult first with the Vienna-based secretariat of Opec.

### Nervous

The news conference, which was eagerly awaited by nervous oil markets, began almost an hour behind the schedule time of 1400 GMT.

After the announcement of the

meeting, prices for widely traded British Brent crude oil from the North Sea jumped 35 cents a barrel to \$15.40 for May delivery, traders said.

Lukman said Opec was determined to defend the oil prices agreed in December at the last full ministerial meeting of the 13-nation group.

### Performance

"The April meeting will review the performance over the first quarter of 1988 and that of the agreement with a view of deciding what action, if any, requires to be taken to further strengthen the market," Lukman said in a written statement at the briefing.

He said in reply to a question Opec was not taking panic measures. "If we were panicky I would have been in Vienna a month ago, we are in no mood for panicking."

The committee, comprising Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Algeria, Venezuela and Nigeria, was constituted in December but has never met.

In late February, oil prices, reacting to an over-supply market, fell to about \$4 below the average \$18 a barrel benchmark set by Opec, but they have recovered this week to around the \$15 level.

### Analysts

Lukman blamed non-Opec producers, market analysts and high stock drawn-down by consumers for the slide.

"The activities of rumour-mongers and so-called experts who try to talk the market down have also affected the situation," he said.

"Reports reaching us from the major consumer countries, especially the USA, indicate that stocks are now depleting to levels where replenishment is necessary," Lukman said.

On non-Opec producers he said they had put into the market between 500,000 to one million barrels extra a day.

But a meeting of non-Opec producers in London this month was "a very good omen and a

very good sign for us".

He confirmed that the report by Opec's Dutch auditors for January production had been distributed to all members. The report showed that total Opec production was well within its ceiling, he added.

Most of the news conference, which lasted more than two hours, was devoted to the reorganisation of the Nigerian National Oil Corporation (NNPC).

Lukman said the state oil corporation will set up 11 separate companies following President Ibrahim Babangida's announcement on Monday that, with immediate effect, it was being turned into an autonomous, fully commercial enterprise.

Lukman paid special tribute to Subroto, who was removed as Indonesian oil minister this week after 10 years in the post.

"Professor Subroto has been one of the strongest and most distinguished members of Opec's council of ministers," he said.

# Big Mac arrives in Eastern Europe

BELGRADE, March 23, (Reuters): The 'Big Mac' has arrived in Eastern Europe.

McDonald's Corp today launched its first hamburger bar in the region — in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade — and plans were afoot to move the world's biggest fast-food chain into other Communist European countries as well.

Company officials said a McDonald's would open in the next few months in the Hungarian capital of Budapest, more stores would be built in Belgrade, and a deal would soon be concluded for a restaurant in Moscow.

"We plan to move step by step, one restaurant at a time, one country at a time," said Glen Cook, senior McDonald's

executive handling the corporation's European development plans.

McDonald's has some 10,000 restaurants in nearly 50 countries. Other executives said at a news conference that the hamburger chain's Canadian affiliates were close to signing a deal with the Soviet Union.

### Development

"It's an important development," one executive said. "It's not just hamburgers, but Western culture they are importing. It's just like Coke and Pepsi years ago."

After a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Belgrade Mayor Aleksandar Bakocevic today, customers are to get their first taste of a McDonald's burger when doors open tomorrow.

In a move unprecedented in Yugoslav restaurants, the McDonald's, built on central Slavija square, bars smoking and alcohol to create a healthy environment for children, an official said.

The Belgrade McDonald's is a joint venture with Genex, Yugoslavia's biggest general trading firm and regarded by Western businessmen as one of the most reliable partners for joint investment in this non-aligned Communist country.

Genex had a turnover of \$4.4 billion in 1987, a 16 per cent growth from 1986. Its exports were worth \$2.2 billion in 1987 — 15 per cent of Yugoslavia's total exports.

The deal involves a 50-50 share on the \$2.5 million equity but the

restaurant will be run entirely by the Yugoslavs said Predrag Dostanic, managing director of McDonald's-Genex.

It envisages initially setting up four or five McDonald's restaurants in the Belgrade area. McDonald's plans to use the local profits to open more restaurants.

Officials say the deal will be watched by foreign firms wary of investing in Yugoslavia, which suffers from triple-digit inflation, a \$21-billion debt, falling productivity, growing insolvency of enterprises and widespread worker unrest.

The country is reforming its "self-management" economic system to give more scope to foreign investment and small-scale private enterprise.

# US fuel-economy standards cost lives: study

WASHINGTON, March 23, (AP): Two university professors yesterday said federal fuel-economy standards imposed on automobiles will cause 2,200 to 3,900 deaths next year in US traffic accidents by discouraging the use of safer, larger cars.

"Fuel-economy regulation inevitably leads to smaller, lighter cars that are inherently less safe than the cars that would be produced without a binding fuel-economy constraint," said a study by Robert W. Crandall of the Brookings Institution in Washington and John D. Graham of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston.

Beginning in 1978, the corporate average fuel-economy

standards — CAFE for short — sought to encourage more fuel efficient cars and thereby reduce petroleum use at a time of shortages and soaring prices.

### Fines

The required fuel-economy this year is 26 miles (41 km) per gallon (3.8 litres) of gasoline. Manufacturers that fail to meet the standards are liable to fines.

Using mathematical models, Crandall and Graham estimated the CAFE standards had reduced the average weight of cars by 500 pounds (225 kg) to 3,100 (1,410 kg), despite sharp declines in oil prices after 1981 that in an unregulated market would be expected to encourage manufacture of larger cars.

That decline in weight "caused by CAFE is associated with a 14 to 27 per cent increase in occupant fatality risk," the study said. The researchers applied that range to existing traffic fatality figures to make their estimate for 1989 deaths.

The estimate took into account such factors as the tendency of occupants of smaller cars, compared with those of larger cars, to buckle their safety belts, the study said.

### Study

The study also said the CAFE standards, by raising the cost of desirable high-performance cars, have encouraged people to drive their cars longer, extending "the useful life of older, less safe and

higher-pollution cars."

Rep. Bob Carr of Michigan said at a news conference marking the study's release that he hoped the study will help win support for legislation he introduced last year to abolish the CAFE standards.

"Congress is not the place to design auto models," Carr said. The study by Crandall and Graham is scheduled for publication next year in the Journal of Law and Economics.

The study was released by the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a public-issues group espousing free-market principles. Crandall and Graham said they did the study without funds from the institute.

affected by news President Mitterrand will run again. The Bourse indicator posted a 0.26 per cent gain early in the main session.

LONDON: The market remained dull but share prices were slightly above their lowest levels as the week's lacklustre trend continued. At 1530 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was 5.7 points lower at 1,829.7.

NEW YORK: Stocks were mixed after reports on the consumer price index and revised GNP figures which analysts called neutral. The Dow 30 index slipped two points in moderate trading.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

dropped 32.89 points to 2,561.91.

SINGAPORE: Share prices rebounded in the afternoon to close marginally higher over a broad front on some speculative buying interest and bargain-hunting. The Nikkei index rose 52.48 points to 25,895.23.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed sharply lower on speculative selling triggered by rumours that the Hong Kong Association of Banks will soon raise interest rates. The Hang Seng index

respectively.

FRANKFURT: Leading German share prices closed slightly easier than yesterday and off their early highs after a series of rumours hit the car sector. Commerzbank's 60-share index, set at mid-session, rose to 1,477.5 from 1,436.7.

ZURICH: The stock market closed little changed on increased volume. The Swiss All-Share index was up 4.3 to 854.8 points.

PARIS: Share prices firmed slightly on the last day of the bourse accounting month, little

# Sterling, Australian dollar rise as traders seek high rates

LONDON, March 23, (Reuters): Investors hunting for relatively high interest rates turned their attentions to British pound sterling and Australian dollar assets today, sending both currencies higher on foreign exchange markets.

The US dollar was steady, just above 1.69 West German marks and just around 127 yen, hardly moving for the third consecutive day.

But, as some investors started worrying that inflation might be rekindled, the price of gold edged higher to be fixed in London today at \$453 an ounce, up \$5.10 from yesterday afternoon fix.

### Lower

Oil prices slipped, with Brent crude oil from the North Sea, a benchmark grade, down five cents to \$15 a barrel for May delivery.

Shares were little changed. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares opened 1.3 points lower at 1,834.1 and had slipped to 1,829 by late morning, while in Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei index rose 52.48 points to close at 25,895.23.

"The dollar was hard to move on either side and it was difficult to make profits from such tight range trading," a Tokyo currency dealer said.

"It is natural in such a situation that the market started to

pay attention to the high-yielding currencies, especially the Australian dollar," he said.

The Australian dollar hit two-year highs of more than 74 US cents, as investors moved to take advantage of high interest rates — in London, banks are now paying 11 per cent on one-month deposits of Australian dollars.

The British pound sterling rose again, up 1.5 pence to 3.11 marks, for much the same reason.

"Everybody is looking to buy the pound and the only seller is likely to be the Bank of England," said a London trader.

Dealers said the bank did intervene to slow sterling's rise — but they note that the government seems concerned that acting to up the pound, either by selling large amounts of it or by cutting interest rates, would risk rekindling inflation.

### Eased

Meanwhile, although the French franc eased half a centime to 6.575 to the dollar, dealers said the impact of President Francois Mitterrand's announcement that he would seek re-election as the candidate of the Socialist Party was limited.

"The franc is faring well. Mitterrand's candidacy has had no real impact on the market despite the harsh words used by the president against the right," one dealer said.

## Mexico develops new plan to ease Latin debt problems

CARACAS, March 23, (Reuters): Mexico hopes to pioneer a new solution to Latin America's debt problems by encouraging countries in the region to write down part of each other's debts.

Finance Minister Gustavo Petricoli said today. In an interview, he said a plan announced here yesterday whereby Mexico is offering to write down debts owed by Central American countries should be extended as a regional effort to help resolve Latin America's \$410 billion debt crisis.

"We have invited other countries to join in this effort, but they first want to evaluate the Mexican scheme," he said during the annual meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) here.

The first operation involves \$30 million owed to Mexico by Costa Rica, and Petricoli said the total \$300-400 million owed it by the five Central American countries could also qualify.

### Plan

He said Nicaragua's oil debt to Mexico could be written down under the plan. Mexico three years ago suspended around 7,500 barrels per day in oil shipments to Managua because the Sandinista government fell behind on payments, contributing to a chronic fuel shortage in that country.

Nicaragua has suspended most payments on its \$6.2 billion foreign debt, 20 times the value of its exports. The nearest any other Latin American country comes to this ratio is Bolivia with 7.7.

Petricoli said this debt relief plan comes in the context of agreements by eight Latin American presidents meeting in Acapulco last November to find regional solutions to debt and other economic problems.

Under the plan, which the two governments began discussing six months ago, Costa Rica will buy up Mexican debt in the

secondary markets, at a discount, and use that paper to repay its own debts to Mexico.

Petricoli said the repayments would be made over 10 years, with each country taking a share in the discount obtained on the operation through an arrangement to be worked out between them.

### Reserves

A Costa Rican Finance Ministry official said the country does not have the reserves to service its \$3.8-billion debt fully, and that the Mexican plan allows it to pay back the debt little by little.

Costa Rica held informal contacts here with its foreign bank advisory committee, and hopes to resume negotiations to restructure its \$1.5 billion commercial bank debt in April.

"The arrangement with Mexico is a unique variation on mechanisms to take advantage of discounts on Third World debt, Mexico's public credit director Angel Gurria said.

### Debt

Mexico last month auctioned \$2.6 billion in bonds to creditor banks in exchange for 3.7 billion in old debt, while Bolivia is buying back its own debt at 11 cents on the dollar, again directly from the creditor banks themselves.

Petricoli said Mexico would be launching new schemes in the next few months to help reduce its debt service burden. The debt-for-bonds schemes required Mexico to buy \$532 million in US Treasury zero coupon bonds as collateral.

He said further debt reduction schemes will require additional finance and that is in part why Mexico on March 30 will draw down the final \$1.1 billion of its \$7.7 billion loan package signed last year. The overall amount was reduced in part to 5.5 billion due to Mexico's better than expected economic performance in 1987.

Paris shares eased, with the bourse indicator down 0.54 per cent.

Amsterdam's CBS all-share index slipped 0.1 points to open at 85.6, while the all-share Swiss index rose three points to 853.5. West German shares were firm, with the Frankfurt Boersen-Zeitung index opening 3.22 points higher at 305.94. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 32.89 points to 2,561.91. Singapore shares edged higher, while Sydney's All Ordinaries index rose 6.1 points to 1,427.0.

### Investors

As the dollar languished, investors turned to other currencies, namely the Japanese yen. "People seem to be buying yen against mostly anything else these days," said Lou Calvello, a foreign exchange trader with Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.

Dealers both at home and in Europe said Japanese financial institutions are likely to continue to buy yen as the Japanese fiscal year draws to a close on March 31.

"It will be interesting to see where the Japanese money will go after the end of their tax year," Ryan said.

In European dealings, the dollar finished slightly higher against most major currencies, but most of the day's activity occurred in trades in other currencies.

## Oil prices firmer

LONDON, March 23, (Reuters): Crude oil prices were up 20 to 30 cents per barrel on international markets after news that Opec's price committee is to meet in Vienna in the first week of April oil traders said.

Prices initially jumped 40 cents on the news announced by Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, also president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, at a press conference in Lagos.

### Prices

He said Opec was determined to defend the oil prices agreed last December at the last full ministerial meeting when the group agreed to retain fixed prices based around a reference price of \$18 per barrel.

"In a written statement, Lukman said: 'The April meeting will review the performance of the first quarter of 1988 and that of the agreement with a view of deciding what action if any requires to be taken to further strengthen the market.'"

Lukman did not announce the exact dates of the meeting as he has first to consult the Opec secretariat in Vienna.

### Surge

In European markets, however, the initial surge in prices soon eased as traders began to question whether the committee could actually do anything constructive to bolster world crude prices that are currently around \$4 below Opec's \$18 reference price.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was 20 cents above levels seen at the same time Tuesday. The leading Middle East crude, Dubai, mirrored Brent and was also up 20 cents, and West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude oil, up 30 cents higher.

chemical materials. Relevant fee: KD20/- Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer value Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 3.5.88

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Tender No. AA/MM-48/88 Concerned party: Public Authority for Agriculture & Fisheries Wealth Affairs. Requirements: Supply, providing, construction & maintenance of different facilities in the zoo of the authority of Omierah. Relevant fee: KD50/- Initial guarantee: 5% of offer value Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday 12.4.88

This tender is open for contractors classified in the 3rd and 4th categories of construction works. (To be continued)

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B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
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4	Ibn Shuhaid	KSA	4843150
5	Paschalis	Algh Barber	4842988
9	Pamela-2	Algh Barber	4842988
10	Rich Seven	United	2463150
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### SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
25/3	Barwil Express	Algh Barber	4842988

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B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Adonis	Roger	2423642
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## Sweden writes off \$20m debt

KHARTOUM, March 23, (Reuters): Sweden has written off \$20 million of Sudan's debts. Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi said.

The Prime Minister, speaking here yesterday, gave no further

details. Sudan's foreign debt is estimated at nearly \$12 billion which it has not been able to service fully since the early 1980s. It has proposed to creditors a freeze on interest at current levels and 40 years to repay.

Tender No. MEW/22/4158-87/88 Tender's internal No. 760/88 Concerned party: Ministry of Electricity & Water. Requirements: Supply of well digging machine. Relevant fee: KD20/- Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 1.5.88

Tender No. MEW/22/4161-87/88 Tender's internal No. 767/88 Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water. Requirements: Replacement of 120, 240 volt battery charger in Shuaiba Power Station — DC. Relevant fee: KD20/- Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 1.5.88

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Monday 11.4.88 at 10.00 a.m. in Shuaiba Station to be acquainted with the nature of the works. Tender No. P/5/16-87 Tender's internal No. 773/88 Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health. Requirements: Supply of high speed ambulance box. Relevant fee: KD30/- Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 1.5.88

Tender No. P/5/18-87 Tender's internal No. 769/88 Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health. Requirements: Supply of consumables. Relevant fee: KD20/- Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 3.5.88

Tender No. P/5/23-87 Tender's internal No. 768/88 Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health. Requirements: Construction of two wards for quarantine & intensive care in Contagious diseases hospital.

Relevant fee: KD50/- Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 26.4.88



INDIA is another culture, another world. A visit to India can be the holiday of a lifetime, a great experience, something you will never forget.

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Few countries cover such a wide spectrum. Anything anyone says about India could be true. Equally true would be the opposite view! To describe India is like the story of the five blind men, each of whom touched one part of an elephant and gave a different description of what the elephant looked like.

Likewise, each visitor to India will, inevitably, hold a different opinion. It is a land of great variety, seemingly of contradictions, where the past of thousands of years is living and vivid. The people, their colour, the intermingling of the past and present are India's greatest charm, her great attraction.

#### India for the tourist

India can boast of tourist attractions of a variety that cannot be seen anywhere else in the world. To the north of India are the world's highest mountains, the mighty Himalayas, offering havens of unmatched beauty against a backdrop of snow-clad mountains.

On the western and eastern coastlines are virgin beaches with a tropical ambience of coconut palms and white sands and a hinterland of lush green rice-fields and meandering rivers.

There are secluded island resorts with rain-forests and coral reefs. There are backwaters, lagoons and waterways of great beauty, and forests with a wide variety of animal and bird life.

India is the ultimate destination of the tourists in search of adventure. Mountaineering, trekking and rock-climbing, ballooning and hang-gliding, camel treks and desert safaris, white-water running and river exploration are some of the exciting possibilities.

For the tourist in search of a fun or sports holiday, there is skiing, scuba diving and underwater coral viewing, angling, wild life and bird viewing. For the sportsman there are golf, tennis, badminton, riding, polo, swimming and motor rallies amongst other sports.

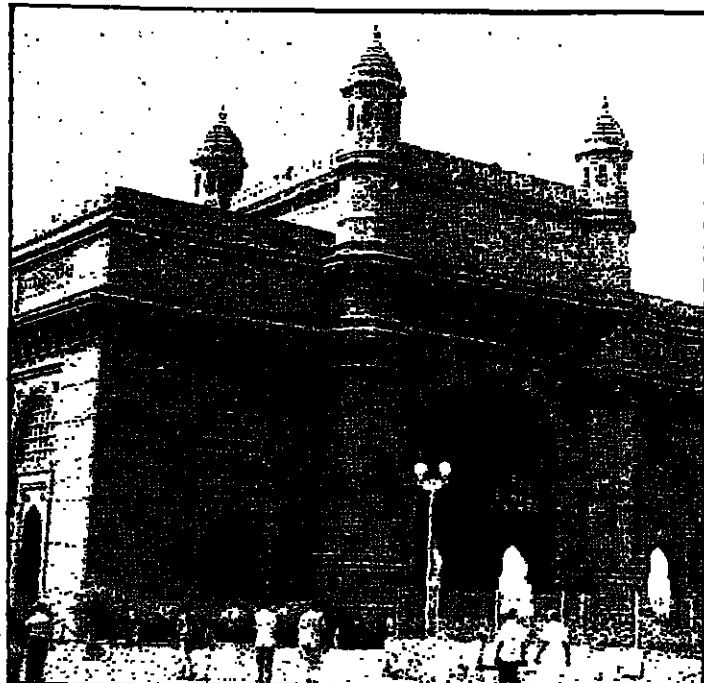
For the tourist in search of sun, sea and surf, there are beach resorts on the western and eastern coasts. The largest ones provide water sports and an unforgettable holiday in the sun.

#### Mountaineering

The greatest adventure of all is scaling the Himalayan peaks. These mighty mountains stretching across the northern borders of India, from west to east, have hundreds of peaks, many yet unscaled, inviting the intrepid mountaineer.

The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh,

## Variety — the essence of an Indian holiday



Gateway of India, Bombay.

Uttar Pradesh, and Sikkim offer bases for mountaineering expeditions. For all information and guidance on mountaineering in India, booking of peaks in advance on payment, appointing a liaison officer which each group (which is compulsory) and other arrangements, contact has to be established with the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (Benito Juarez Road, New Delhi 110021).

#### Trekking

The best season for mountaineering is from May to October and six months' notice at least is required for booking a peak.

India is, again, the destination for trekkers in search of adventure, the solitude of mountains and the awesome beauty of trekking routes. There are treks from the short and easy to the long challenges of snowy peaks. The spectacular Himalayas, the Abode of Snow, evoke unmatched feelings of reverence and excitement. Peninsular India offers natural beauty of another kind, clothed in green woodland and fragrant orchards. The Western Ghats, the Aravalli Hills, the Satpura Range and the Nilgiri Mountains have a rich heritage of flora and fauna, each with a special lure of its own.

#### Seasons

Treks can be taken along areas or can follow the route of pilgrims who, for thousands of years, have trekked year after year to remote shrines in the mountains.

The season for trekking is from April to June and September to November with regional

and the Western Ghats (especially in the Maharashtra region). It is also popular around hill-resorts like Darjeeling in the east, Mount Abu in the west, the Nilgiri hills.

There are, besides, excavations and monuments covering millennia in history to remind the visitor of a multi-faceted, multi-religious country where the aesthetic sense in Man and his spiritual fervour have combined to produce works of art that are among the most beautiful in the world.

Little realised is the fact that India has a strong infrastructure of tourist facilities which provide for travel within the country in comfort. There are deluxe and palace hotels uniquely Indian in character. There are hotels of 3 to 5-star level for the medium and high-budget tourist, and 1 and 2-star hotels. Travellers' Lodges, Tourist Bungalows and Youth Hostels for the budget traveller.

Indian Airlines and Vayudoot operate air services to the main cities and towns. The Indian Railways, on the other hand, give you the chance to see the country-side. For those who prefer road travel, there are chauffeur-driven limousines, tourist taxis and coaches available for hire.

Your Indian Travel Agent/Tour Operator, can help you draw up exciting and exotic itineraries and organise land arrangements.

variations. It is possible to undertake treks in the valleys of Lahaul, Pangi and Zaskar during the months of July and August also as they receive negligible rainfall.

Wherever there are rocks and hills, stiff climbs and sheer mountainsides, rock climbing is a popular sport. It is especially popular in the foothills of the Himalayas, in Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, in the Garhwal Himalayas, in the Aravalli Hills around Delhi,



India is the ultimate destination for the tourist in search of adventure.

## India opens its doors to visitors

SOME 17,000 tourists visited India in 1981. That was the age of ships, with only the hardy venturing onto aircraft for travelling overseas.

Today the number exceeds one million. As early as 1956, the Government understood the world-wide ramifications of this new service industry and realised that it had to play the role of the developing agency — to build hotels in places of historical, scenic and cultural interest, develop adequate communication links to such places and increase promotional efforts.

Travel, leisure, availing of opportunities to see the gift that nature has given their country and upon which their forbears constructed magnificent civilisations, is something Indians aspire for today.

To encourage them to discover their own heritage and seeing the phenomenal growth potential of this service industry, the Government is providing incentives.

These include travel concessions for groups, youth, special categories and state employees and the Ministry of Tourism in cooperation with the State Governments is developing infrastructural facilities like accommodation, national and local transport and communications and development of tourist spots.

The international traveller is merely the other side of the tourism coin India proposes to earn — the foreign tourist needs the same facilities but deserves extra special care and arrangements to help him overcome the barriers of food, language and culture, for making his visits smooth and memorable.

This foresight has paid off today, and will continue to do



A.N. Chaturvedi, Director, West Asia India Tourist Office.

so in the future.

In 1961 tourism earned Rs 16.4 million by way of foreign exchange but in 1986-87 the figure had gone up to nearly Rs. 18 billion.

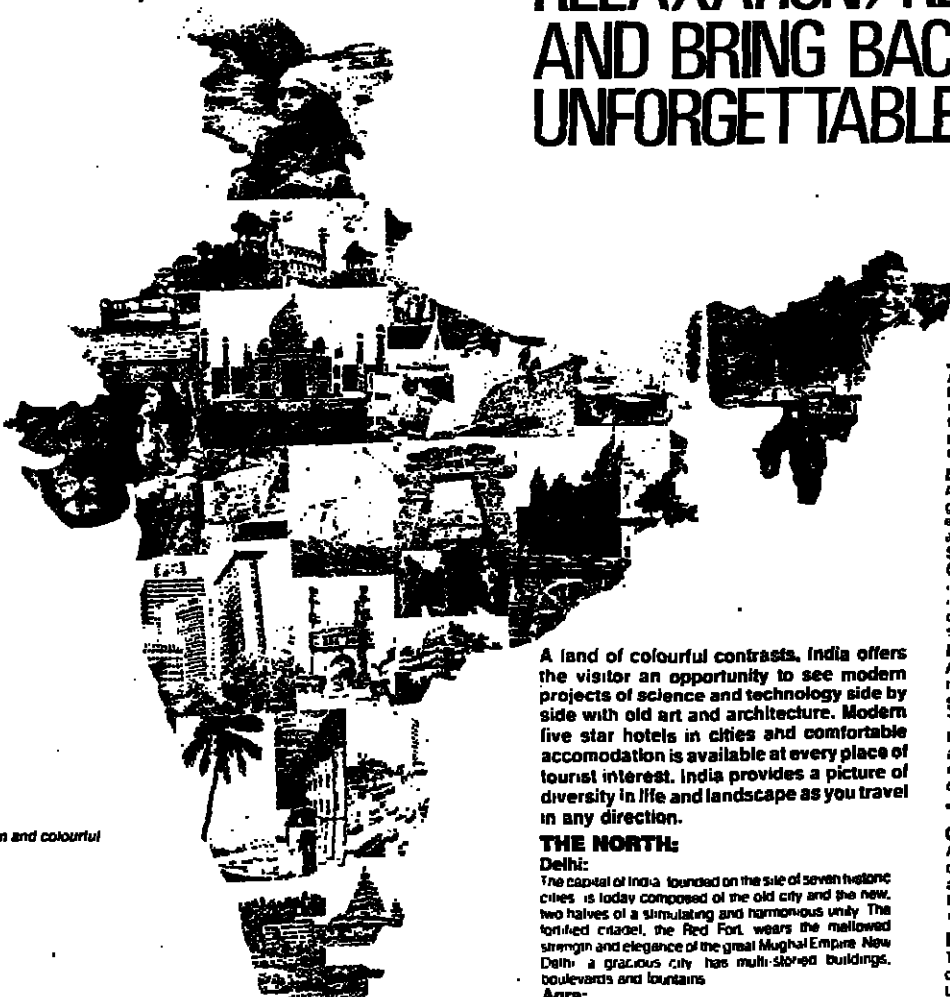
In 1980 tourism was already providing employment to some 4.5 million people and today it is recognised that tourism is in its own way an 'industry' and contributes to nation's development in myriad ways.

#### Encouraged

These results have encouraged the Government of India to renewed efforts to develop tourism in India, but now in newer directions. Careful attention is being paid to the nuts and bolts of this thrust — encouraging to charter flights, concessional group fares, ever-better communications and training of personnel for that little extra that makes India an unforgettable destination.

The Indian civilisation has through centuries and indeed millennia poured forth its riches to the world. Today, heady with the winds of development and change, India has opened its doors for all to view its magnificent heritage — its land, history, and culture.

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A Kashmiri paddles his boat called a Shikara out onto Srinagar's Dal Lake.

### History seems to have a hold on Kashmir

## Another world, another time

By Sara Terry

SRINAGAR, India — "If there be Paradise on earth," wrote a Moghul ruler centuries ago, "this is it; oh, this is it!" To the uninitiated, the emperor's enthusiastic assessment of the charms of Kashmir may smack ever so slightly of Madison Avenue hypebole.

But for those who've been to India's northernmost state — nestled in the snowy arms of the Himalayas — the Moghul's description is hard to fault.

Snowcapped peaks surround the Vale, or valley, of Kashmir like a panoramic post card. In the spring, rice paddies spread across the valley like a lush green carpet and "shikaras" — gondola-style boats — skim quietly across the lily pads that fill Dal Lake.

There is a tranquility here of centuries gone by, a gentle cadence of living that has yet to be hurried along by the pressures of the 20th century. Which is not to say that Kashmir has been untouched by the modern world; for 40 years now, since Indian independence, Kashmir has been a territory sometimes violently disputed by the governments of India and Pakistan.

Typically, Kashmiris simply shrug off the ongoing standoff. They are a proud people, and some of them see their land as a country apart — a detachment that stems at least partly from the fact that although Kashmir was conquered by the Moghuls in 1587, it was never incorporated by the British into colonial India.

The British, however, did leave a legacy of sorts in Kashmir. Like the Moghul emperors before them, the colonial British rulers flocked to the cool heights of Kashmir when the scorching heat of Delhi became too much to bear. Although Kashmir's maharajah refused to allow the British to own land or build on it, the British came up with the creative alternative

of living on houseboats on Dal Lake. Today, houseboats are still a popular form of housing, especially among tourists.

History seems to have a hold on Kashmir; walking along a lakeside road next to an ox-drawn cart or prowling through the jumble of alleys and leaning buildings of Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir, is like entering a time warp that leads to medieval days. It's a feeling that's not far from the truth: Parts of Srinagar have

actually survived from the Middle Ages.

The narrow, twisting streets of old Srinagar are hemmed in by multi-storey buildings, yellowed and crumbling from age and the sun. Children call to each other from rickety balconies, while their grandparents sit at windows and watch the foot and oxcart traffic below. Women in dark veils are a reminder that Kashmir is a predominantly and devoutly Muslim state; hidden from the

eyes of men and strangers, they shop in small stalls, buying richly coloured spices and flamboyant silks.

Another world, another time, a place apart. There is a mystery to Kashmir, a sense of one's having stumbled into a secret garden.

The Moghul emperor wasn't far from the truth: "If there be Paradise on earth... 1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

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**PERSIAN** cats, grey colour, 10 weeks old, KD 65 each. Tele. Mr. Hassan, 3943570.

**WANTED** MITSUBISHI Colt '88 model, semi-automatic in good condition. Tele. 5619758/9, 5619805, 7 am - 6 pm.

**TWO** cars from 1982 - 85 models, preferably Japanese. Tele. A. R. Presley, 5744136, any time.

**VOLKSWAGEN** Golf, righthand drive of 85/86/87 models. Tele. 2533000 Room No. 236, 8 - 10.30 am, 4.30 - 6.30 pm.

## SITUATIONS

### Vacant

**MAID** urgently required for an Arab family, living in London. Tele. 2520730, 2533584, 9-10 am, 2-5 pm.

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**COOK** required. Must speak English, for a small family with children, to work full-time in Ben-eid Al Qar. Must be able to handle frequent dinner parties and be familiar with European food. Tele. Mr. Jim Hooper, 2424151 ext. 221, 10 am - 12 noon.

## Wanted

**SRI LANKAN** experienced in storekeeping/cargo handling/typing/telex/film operator; seeks full-time employment. Contact: T B Mohideen. Textile & Readymade Garments, P.O. Box 1880, Makkah, S Arabia.

**EXCELLENT** general asst./driver's services available from 4.30 pm onwards. Tele. Mr. Ram, 4716840, 4.30 - 6.30 pm.

## SERVICES

### Transport

**REQUIRED** from Jabriya, (Fourth Ring Road) to Salmiya, and Salmiya to Jabriya. Jabriya to Salmiya 1 pm Salmiya to Jabriya 3.45 pm. Tele. Gill, 5615887, after 7.30 pm only.

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## بغداد پر ایران کا میزائل حملہ، خلیج میں قمری جہاز پر ایرانی کشتیوں کی فائرنگ

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# پاکستان افغان مجاہدین کی تشکیل کردہ عربی حکومت تسلیم نہیں کرے، بگاڑتے ہیں

### جنرل مندر کا رات میں مجاہدین پر دھڑلے کا ٹی وی پروگرام

اسلام آباد ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ پاکستان کی حکومت نے آج صبح افغانستان میں جاری جنگ کے بارے میں ایک ٹی وی پروگرام پیش کیا۔

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شاہ حسین اسلام آباد میں افغان مجاہدین کے وفد سے ملاقات کر رہے ہیں۔

### پاکستان ایران کو تیار کن جنگ کے خاتمے پر آمادہ کرے، شاہ حسین

اسلام آباد ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ شاہ حسین نے آج صبح افغانستان میں جاری جنگ کے بارے میں ایک ٹی وی پروگرام پیش کیا۔

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### پرماتوں کی جی پی سی سربراہی کا کنفرنس

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### سعودی عرب جج کے موقع پر زائرین کی تعداد عارضی طور پر محدود کر دے گا

ریاض ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ سعودی عرب کی حکومت نے آج صبح حج کے موقع پر زائرین کی تعداد عارضی طور پر محدود کر دے گا۔

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واشنگٹن ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ امریکا اور پاکستان نے آج صبح ایٹمی طاقتوں کی تعمیر نو کے لیے کیمپ ڈیو میں ملاقات کی۔

امریکا اور پاکستان نے آج صبح ایٹمی طاقتوں کی تعمیر نو کے لیے کیمپ ڈیو میں ملاقات کی۔

### جنوبی لبنان پر اسرائیلی جنگی طیاروں کا پانچ بار حملہ

بغداد ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ اسرائیلی جنگی طیاروں نے آج صبح جنوبی لبنان پر پانچ بار حملہ کیا۔

اسرائیلی جنگی طیاروں نے آج صبح جنوبی لبنان پر پانچ بار حملہ کیا۔

### سیاحین گلیشیر کے مسئلے پر قتل ختم کرنے کیلئے پاکستان نے بھارت کو مذاکرات کی تجویز پیش کر دی

نیو دہلی ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ پاکستان نے آج صبح بھارت کو مذاکرات کی تجویز پیش کر دی۔

پاکستان نے آج صبح بھارت کو مذاکرات کی تجویز پیش کر دی۔

### ایرانی بیوروکریسی کو پاکستان سے گزرنے کی اجازت دینے کی تردید

تہران ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ ایرانی بیوروکریسی نے آج صبح پاکستان سے گزرنے کی اجازت دینے کی تردید کی۔

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### اسلامی ممالک اسرائیلی اور امریکی کے خلاف جہاد کا اعلان کر دیں

بغداد ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ اسلامی ممالک نے آج صبح اسرائیلی اور امریکی کے خلاف جہاد کا اعلان کر دیا۔

اسلامی ممالک نے آج صبح اسرائیلی اور امریکی کے خلاف جہاد کا اعلان کر دیا۔

### برما کا ایک بھائی گاؤں میں کرکٹ

نیپال ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ برما میں کرکٹ کا ایک ٹورنامنٹ منعقد کیا گیا۔

برما میں کرکٹ کا ایک ٹورنامنٹ منعقد کیا گیا۔

### کرچی کی پشیمان کالونی میں بم کا دھماکہ، ایک شخص ہلاک ہو کر

کرچی ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ کرچی کی پشیمان کالونی میں ایک بم کا دھماکہ ہوا، جس سے ایک شخص ہلاک ہو گیا۔

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## بھارتی روپے

کے لئے ہمارے مالیاتی ایجنسیوں نے مختلف معلومات کے حصول کی غرض سے اور ڈرافٹوں کی جلاؤ ڈنڈا اور اجراء کے لئے براہ کرم

ملٹی پرمیٹس سے فی فن ۲۲۶۳۵۲ - ۲۳۳۵۱۲۶

یا ہماری ۵۰ شاخوں میں سے بھی رابطہ قائم کریں۔

بنک الکویت الوطنیہ

ایک بیک جھپ ۱۹۵۲ء سے جاری ہے اور رجسٹر ہے

### ایران کو غیر قانونی طور پر فوجی سامان فروخت کرنے پر موصول ہونے پر تاجروں کو تدار

تلون ۲۳ مارچ (پ)۔ ایران کو غیر قانونی طور پر فوجی سامان فروخت کرنے پر تاجروں کو تدار دیا گیا۔

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## یوم پاکستان

کے مبارک موقع پر

ہم صدر پاکستان جنرل محمد ضیا الحق و وزیر اعظم محمد خان بونجو، سفیر پاکستان ماب زہر سعید اور پاکستانی عوام کو دی مبارکباد پیش کرتے ہیں۔

وکیل العزم، پاکستان کے مشہور اور بہترین

اورینٹل مشا لحمہ جات

مخائبہ جناب زاہد بٹ اور شکر المشکاہ التجاریہ (الشان گروپ آف کمپنیز)

شركة المشكاة التجارية

2411573, 2414570

## اپنا سنا پیش کرتے ہیں

### شام موسیقی

Upasana Presents

## MUSICAL EVENINGS

انٹرنیٹ آرٹ سرکل آڈیو ریم میں جمعرات ۷ اپریل کو ۸ بجے شام

At the INDIAN ARTS CIRCLE AUDITORIUM, FUNAITEES

On Thursday, 7th April 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

## CANAMANJARI

(Mainly South Indian Film Songs)

On Friday, 8th April 1988 at 6 p.m.

## GEETHA JALI

(Mainly Hindi Film Songs)

Singers: Ambika Suryanarayana, Asha Raghunathan, Sangeeta, Sumitra Raju, Rajan, Samuel, Naidu, Shalini, Vijayalakshmi and Murgan.

Orchestra: Francis Stephen, Rajagopal, Daniel Varghese, Binai, Joseph Mathew, Joseph, Narayanan, Nanda Kumar, Joshi, Kumardasa, Shivanika & Bhaskar.

Admission by guest pass.

Contact for guest pass:

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## Two top jockeys resume rivalry

**DONCASTER, England.** March 23, (Reuters): Two jockeys Steve Cauthen and Pat Eddery renew their rivalry tomorrow with controversy lurking in the wings.

The start of the British flat racing season at Doncaster sees the introduction of a new rule banning excessive use of the whip.

Like most riders, both Cauthen, the reigning champion, and Eddery can be relied on to give their horse every encouragement in a tight finish.

But now the jockey club, alarmed by some public disquiet, has warned that jockeys using the whip to excess may face suspension.

What constitutes "excess" could pose problems, though authorities cite Lester Piggott's driving finale when he won the 1977 Derby on the Minstrel as an example.

**Destination**

How it works in practice remains to be seen, but the path from the unsaddling enclosure to the stewards' room may be a well-worn one by the end of the season in November.

A period of suspension for either Cauthen or Eddery could be enough to decide the destination of this year's title.

Last year the American regained the crown from Irishman Eddery by two winners (197-195) and it could be just as close again.

Cauthen continues to ride for the powerful Henry Cecil stable, while Eddery calls upon the Guy Harwood Empire riding as usual for one of the leading owners, Khalid Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

Three leading London bookmakers make Eddery the slight favourite to land his sixth jockeys championship. Two other oddsmakers make Cauthen the narrow favourite.

The American had another memorable year in 1987 winning the English derby on Reference Point and the French Oaks on Indian Skimmer.

The latter stays in training and could be the star performer for Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai. Sheikh Mohammed has topped the owners' list for the last three years and with 300 horses in training in England and Ireland looks all set for a fourth title.

Only Isle of Man-based Robert Sangster, five times top owner between 1977-1984, can hope to match Sheikh Mohammed's predominance. Sangster would like nothing better than another Derby winner and will be looking for more winners from his private establishment at Manton where trainer Barry Hills holds sway.

**Assured**

In Ireland, veteran maestro Vincent O'Brien has 70 horses in training in Ballydoyle and a new stable jockey, John Reid. Good class winners look assured.

But it will take a minor miracle to shift Cecil from the top of the trainers list. Last season his 180 winners, netting £1.88 million (\$3.2 million), was far in excess of anything ever achieved by a trainer in one year. His 177-strong team this term is as impressive as ever.

## Indians aim for seven Games golds

**NEW DELHI, March 23.** (Xinhua): India should be able to win six or seven gold medals in track and field events at the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing, an Indian trainer said.

Suresh Babu, a former Olympian who has taken over to train India's sports hopefuls in the national institute of sports, said India had a strong base in sprint events now.

India's "sprint queen" P.T. Usha will be good enough to win gold medals at the Beijing Asiad.

## FERNANDEZ AND REHE MOVE INTO SEMIFINALS

# Evert and Graf score contrasting wins

**KEY BISCAYNE, Florida.** March 23, (Reuters): Second-seeded American Chris Evert, 33, survived a two-and-a-half-hour struggle with fifth seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia to join three teenagers in the semifinals of the \$2.1 million International Players Championships yesterday.

Evert came back after dropping a thrilling and emotionally draining first set tiebreak 8-10 to beat Sukova 6-7 7-5 6-4.

Eighteen-year-old world number one Steffi Graf, the top seed and defending champion, powered her way past fellow West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-3 6-1 in a quarterfinal earlier yesterday.

**Rallied**

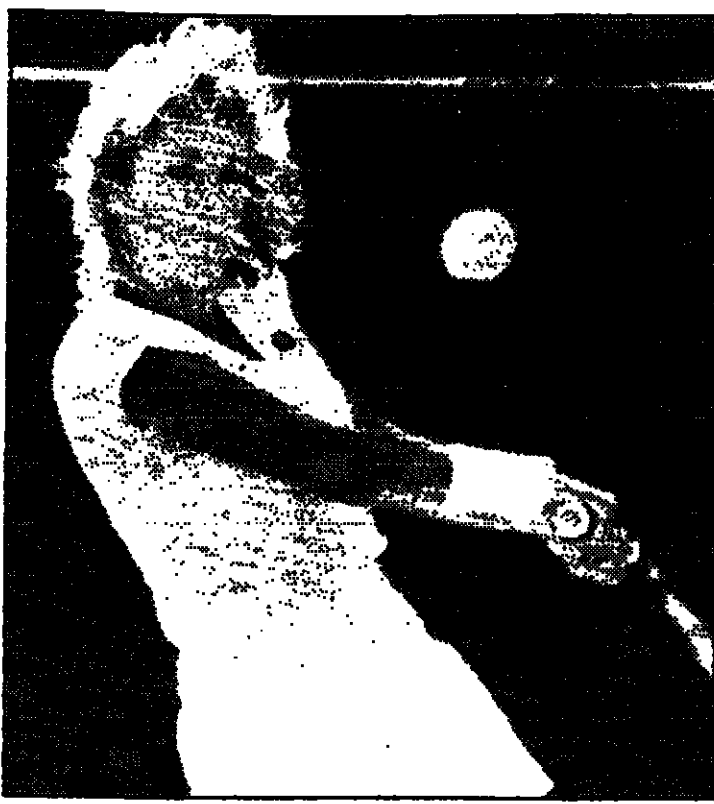
Graf's semifinal opponent will be 18-year-old Stephanie Rehe, who rallied to upset ninth-seeded fellow American Barbara Potter, a left-handed serve-volleyer, 5-7 6-3 6-4.

Evert will play 16-year-old local favourite Mary Joe Fernandez. The 15th-seeded Fernandez eliminated unseeded South African Elina Reinach 6-2 6-3 yesterday afternoon.

Evert, who had lost to Sukova in their previous two meetings, fought hard from the baseline in the first set with the players exchanging breaks in the fifth and sixth games.

Sukova mixed her shots well and changed the pace often to keep the second set guessing.

Evert took a 6-4 lead in the



Evert: given a tough time by Sukova

tiebreak, but Sukova saved two set points and took a 7-6 lead. Evert then saved a set point with a stunning backhand lob to the baseline.

Sukova fought off a third set point before she finally seized the tiebreak 10-8 with an ace on her second set point.

The intensity of the struggle

continued in the second set which Evert took with breaks in the seventh and 11th games.

Sukova seemed to lose some spirit in the third set, dropping serve to trail 3-2 as Evert retrieved a series of apparent winners to take the fifth game with a blazing backhand pass on the run.



Graf: brushed aside Kohde-Kilsch

Evert held onto that advantage and served out the match when Sukova mishit a forehand deep.

"The umpire and linespeople weren't fair at all," a teary-eyed Sukova complained after the match.

"At crucial times in the match, they supported her 100 per

cent," she said.

Evert disagreed.

"I thought the officiating was okay," Evert said. "Bad calls never turned the match around. It was a good quality match and I just gutted it out."

Though Graf struggled some with her serve, she controlled the match with sheer power and suc-

cessfully attacked the sixth-seeded Kohde-Kilsch's serve.

Graf repeatedly hit winners off the sixth seed's second serve and came up with seven breaks in eight games.

Kohde-Kilsch, ranked ninth in the world, got over 75 per cent first serves in play during the 62-minute match, but had trouble with her volley when she approached the net.

Graf was able to run off five consecutive games in each set and never let her countrywoman into the match.

The 18-year-old sensation, who recently had her 30-match winning streak stopped by Argentine Gabriela Sabatini, said she will focus on her serve and her powerful forehand to carry her to her second title here.

"That's what I'm concentrating on. I'm very eager now. I want to win this tournament," said Graf.

**Trailed**

Fernandez, 20th in the world, won five consecutive games from 2-2 in the first set and never trailed against Reinach, ranked 75 in the world.

The 16-year-old local favourite, who upset third-seeded Sabatini in the fourth round, called this tournament the best of her career.

"I think this is the best week I've had, definitely. Reaching the semifinals of a big tournament like this is great, especially in my home town," said Fernandez.

## UAS take M&M's to task

# Ambassadors brush aside SFI

**AMBASSADORS** beat SFI 5-0 in this week's Kuwait Little League games. This was the first match this season in which a team walked off the ground without scoring a run.

Both the teams had a strong outfield defence and six innings were played in this game. At the end of the 5th innings Ambassadors had scored three runs. They completed the tally in the 6th innings.

**Season**

UAS battled heads this week against M & M's for the 3rd time this season, with 2 wins and 1 loss. M's was by 1 point (19-18). On the other hand UAS's first and only loss so far this season was against M & M's by 2 points (10-8). This week UAS won 23 to 6.

With reflection of previous

games, there was some weakness in defence from M & M's allowing such a large number of runs for UAS. UAS managed to keep the players crossing home plate and at the same time holding M & M's to short innings and low scoring. UAS scored 11 runs in the 1st inning and remained in control throughout the entire game.

**Other results:**

Al Julaiha 31 [Raid Al Labadi (4), Tarek Hamdan (4), Gibran Hamdan (4), Nora Abdul Aziz (4), Bibi Ibrahim (3), Khalifa Missini (3), Patrick Khalis (3), Mohammed Ahmed (2), Nawaf Abu Rabe (2), Hisham Rajab (2), Ahmed H.K. with 4 RBIs].

BTC 18 (Donna (3), Billy (3), Clifford (2), Chucky (2), Jamal (2), Radeepan (2), Jonathan, Sahar, Ravi, Erik all scored a run each).

AMA 8 [Hisham Navarro (2),

Erik Fox (2), Cory Fox (1), Talal Navarro (1), Jihad Sakleh (1), Brad Habib (1)]. SFI 0, no runs in 5 innings.

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UAS 23 [Mahmoud Mokhtar (3), Amir Gul (2), David Gagner (2), Tarek Al Shamir (2), Walid Khalil (2 H.R.s), Kareem Abu Zeid (2), Tarek Hankir (H.R.), Meshal Al Kabbaz, Jordan Van Rye, Mohammed Shaaban, Richard Fuller, Basal Al Shamir each scored a run each]. M & M's 6 [Ryan Fox (2), Andrew Col-

well, Lucas Runte, Ahmed Fathallah, Rahman Al Salem each scored a run each].

Getty 14 [Robby Bhatia (2 includes a H.R.), Yousuf Al-Najjar (2), Ramsey Hall (2), Kareem Nakshbendi (2), Ahmed Al Majid (2), Denny Strucker, Ahmed Al Najjar, Ahmed Mokhtar, Mazin Sabi each scored a run each]. S F B 4 [Shehab Al-Badoui (2), Patrick O'Connor (1), Mike Daoudi (1)].

**Return**

Stevenson said the case would be reviewed when IBF president Bob Lee, who was in Tokyo, and other officials return to the United States on April 1.

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Tyson, who knocked down Tubbs in the second round, did not wear any belt into the ring.

Evans was timed in eight minutes, 17.12 seconds and now holds world records in the 400, 800 and 1,500 metre freestyles, the most by any American woman since Debbie Meyer in 1968. East Germany's Cornelia Ender held three world records simultaneously in 1976.

The women's 800 freestyle world record has now changed hands three times in the past nine months after standing untouched from 1978 to 1987.

**Lost**

"This was more important than my other records, because I had the record, then lost it, then got it back," Evans said.

Evans was the first to break the mark last July with a time of 8:22.44 at the US Swimming Long Course National Championships. East Germany's Anke Mohring swam the race in 8:19.53 a month after Evans' swim and held the mark until yesterday.

The world record of 8:24.62 was held by Australia's Tracey Wickham from 1978 until 1987.

## Tyson still IBF champion, says federation official

**NEW YORK, March 23.** (AP): The International Boxing Federation, which threatened to strip Mike Tyson of his heavyweight title, said yesterday it still recognises him as champion.

"At this point, Mike Tyson is the heavyweight champion for the IBF," vice-president Jim Stevenson said in a telephone interview from Bangkok, Thailand. "He has not been stripped of his IBF title."

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His aides carried in the belts of the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council.

Bill Cayton, Tyson's co-manager, said before the bout that the champion would not wear the IBF belt because he did not want to embarrass the Japanese. The Japanese boxing commission does not recognise the IBF.

The New York Times reported yesterday that the IBF had vacated Tyson's title. Sy Roseman, the IBF's public relations director, was quoted as saying "The Truth" Williams would fight for the title.

However yesterday, Roseman told the Associated Press he gave the Times that information on Monday based on a conversation he had Saturday with Lee and Bill Brennan, chairman of the IBF's championship committee.

"That's what Lee told me ... but that was before the Tyson fight," Roseman told the AP.



● The boys team of the American School of Kuwait (ASK) which won first place in the Eastern Mediterranean Athletic Conference (EMAC) University basketball tournament held recently in Athens. They overcame tough competition from the Athens Community School and defeated them 56-55. Participating teams were: Champion School of Athens; Athens Community School; Universal American School of Kuwait; Tasis-Greece; Panathalokis Greece and ASK.

**NEW DELHI, March 23.** (Reuters): India will not play its scheduled Davis Cup tennis tie against Israel in Tel Aviv "to protest against the Israeli atrocities on the Palestinians," Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi told parliament today.

Gandhi, quoted by the Press Trust of India, said India had played sporting fixtures against Israel in the past and would continue to play in the future, but a government spokesman added that a "principled" decision had been made on this occasion because of events in the Israeli-occupied territories.

India, beaten finalists in the 1987 Davis Cup, lost to Yugoslavia in the first round of this year's competition and was due to play Israel in Tel Aviv from April 7-9 in a world group relegation playoff.

The organisers had earlier refused an Indian request to shift the tie to a neutral venue.

By refusing to play, India will automatically be relegated to the Asian regional group.

Government spokesman K.R. Narayanan said India, a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause, had taken the decision alone and before receiving a memorandum from Arab ambassadors in New Delhi.

**Policy**

But he added that the decision was consistent with Indian policy and had been appreciated by the Arab countries.

In London, a spokeswoman for the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said under Davis Cup rules India's refusal to play the tie would bring a suspension from the competition for 1989, and relegation to the Asian zone in 1990.

"This is a shock," said Zvi Meyer, secretary of the Israel Tennis Association. "Just yesterday we received a telex confirming the team's arrival. I am very disappointed."

According to international rules, India will have to pay a 10,000 dollar penalty to the International Tennis Federation for refusing to play. It is not known if further penalties may be imposed.

Meyer said the Indian team would be immediately disqualified from this year's Davis Cup competition and banned from competing for the next two years. Israel, he said, would advance by default.

## Vaca aims for quick knockout

**LONDON, March 23.** (UPI): Jorge Vaca of Mexico promised yesterday he would show Britain's Lloyd Honeyghan "no respect," and go for a quick knockout in their world welterweight title re-match at Wembley arena next Tuesday.

Vaca dethroned Honeyghan Oct 28 in their World Boxing Council bout last year after an accidental eighth round clash cut open the Mexican's right eyebrow.

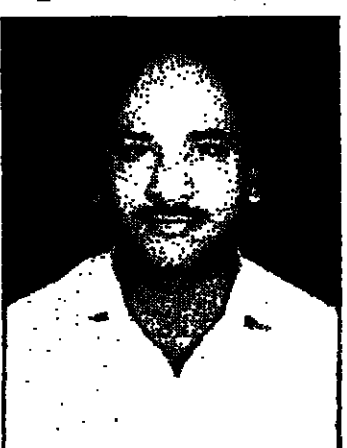
The fight was stopped, and Vaca awarded the bout because he was judged to be leading on points at the time.

Vaca has not fought since then but returns to the same ring claiming he is the deserved champion.

## Bridge

**RESULTS of the Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:**

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1. Mrs and Mr F. Farah  
2. Ramez Samah & Amin Shanti  
3. Dr S. Reddy & Gregory Latala  
E/W  
1. Bhat N.V. & S. Anura  
2. Mrs Beatrice Pereira & Aubrey D'Souza  
3. Dr H. Smit & Robert Stucker



Dawood: four wickets

their team's batting scoring 52 and 50 respectively. The Burhani bowlers found it difficult to dislodge these two.

For Burhani, Abbas was the only batsman to reach the double



Adnan: hit 52

figures with 27 runs. None of the other batsmen could get on top of the Super Stars' bowlers. Babar took four wickets for seven runs while Ijaz, Basam and Quniet got two wickets each.

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## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Intikhab hits out at tour itinerary

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, March 23, (Reuters): Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam says the succession of one-day games and a tight travel schedule were reasons for their losing the first four limited overs internationals against West Indies. Intikhab said the itinerary and travel arrangements that offered players little chance to recover from injury helped to contribute to his side's failures in the five-match one-day series.

## Scots held

VALLETTA, March 23, (Reuters): Goalkeeper Jim Leighton saved Scotland from an embarrassing defeat by Malta with a fine second-half save in a friendly international yesterday. But his team-mates, after a first-half goal, missed several other scoring chances and the Scots had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

## Zola Budd

JOHANNESBURG, March 23, (Reuters): South African student Agnes Berger has said she could have been mistaken for Zola Budd and inadvertently sparked off an international controversy.

## Diego Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, March 23, (Reuters): Argentine star Diego Maradona will play with the world champion national soccer squad in a four-way tournament in West Germany beginning later this month, coach Carlos Bilardo said yesterday.

## Olympic qualifier

WELLINGTON, March 23, (Reuters): Australia seemed assured of a place in the Olympic soccer tournament at Seoul after drawing 1-1 against New Zealand in an Oceania zone qualifying match at Wellington today.

## Chelsea manager

LONDON, March 23, (Reuters): John Hollins ended nearly two years as manager of English First Division side Chelsea yesterday after rumours that he was unhappy with the appointment of a new first team coach.

## Soviet striker

VIENNA, March 23, (Reuters): Soviet striker Oleg Blokhin seems set to join Austrian soccer club Vorwarts Steyr from Dynamo Kiev after all following an on-off transfer saga.

## Cricket match

HARARE, Zimbabwe, March 23, (AP): Sri Lanka B Cricket tourists declared at 357-5 on the second day of their match against Zimbabwe B and have left the home side a target of 249 runs to avoid an innings defeat on the third and final day tomorrow.

## Sharjah Cup

COLOMBO, March 23, (Kuna): Sri Lanka's national cricket team left for Sharjah today to participate in the three nation Sharjah Cup tournament.

## Official inquiry

ROME, March 23, (Reuters): An official inquiry has found that Italian officials arranged the long jump result at last year's World Athletics Championships in Rome to ensure a bronze medal for Italy, a leading sports newspaper reported today.

## Player signed

LONDON, March 23, (Reuters): Arsenal on Wednesday signed Sheffield Wednesday winger Brian Marwood for £450,000 (\$820,000).

## Figure skating

BUDAPEST, Hungary, March 23, (AP): Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov used their winning brand of verve and precision to lead a Soviet 1-2-3 sweep of the pairs event last night at the World Figure Skating Championships.

## Coach sacked

VALENCIA, Spain, March 23, (Reuters): Alfredo di Stefano, the great Argentine midfield player in the Real Madrid side of the 1950s, was sacked as coach of first division side Valencia yesterday after the club suffered a string of bad results.

## British soccer

LONDON, March 23, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches yesterday:

English Division Two	English Division Three	English Division Four
Hull v Swindon postponed	Mansfield 1 Aldershot 0	Burnley 2 Leyton Orient 0
Colchester v Hereford postponed	Wolves 0 Peterborough 1	Wrexham 3 Exeter 0
Clyde 4 Airdrie 2	Dumbarton 1 Partick 2	Stirling 1 Stranraer 1

## UNITED HOST STRUGGLING WEST HAM

## Liverpool return to basic task

LONDON, March 23, (AP): Its record-equalling unbeaten streak now ended, Liverpool return to basics on Saturday with the consolation that it probably will have the English Soccer League title sewn up earlier than usual.

Despite tumbling to their first defeat of the season at neighbour Everton on Sunday, the Merseyside stars hold a 14-point lead atop the Division One standings and, with their rivals struggling to close the gap, they could lose half their remaining ten games yet still win the title.

## Assuming

With 73 points from 30 games, Liverpool needs a further 14 to ensure that the chasing teams, Manchester United, Everton, Nottingham Forest, Arsenal and Queens Park Rangers and Wimbledon cannot catch up.

And that's assuming the chasing teams win all their remaining games.

Three points count for a victory in English soccer, and such is Liverpool's lead, no team lower than seventh-placed Wimbledon has even a mathematical chance of winning the title.



McMahon (left): feels relieved

With a quarter of the season remaining, they cannot match Liverpool's current points total and Wimbledon, with 48 from 30, will also slip out of the race if it loses to Liverpool at Anfield on Saturday.

Wimbledon, which also is on course to meet Liverpool in the FA Cup final at Wembley provided both teams win their

semifinals, will be heartened by the leader's last two results.

A 1-1 tie at Derby county and Sunday's 1-0 defeat at champion Everton adds up to just one point from a possible six.

Player-manager Kenny Dalglish was furious that his side threw away a victory at Derby, despite the fact that the tie enabled Liverpool to equal Leeds

United's record of 29 games unbeaten from the start of the season.

After the streak-snapping defeat at Everton, Dalglish, whose side is chasing its second League and FA Cup double in three years, said: "Really, the record doesn't mean anything at all. You don't get anything other than a place in the history books."

Midfielder Steve McMahon said he felt a sense of relief now that the unbeaten streak had ended. "At least we are not going to be hearing about this all the time from now on."

"Now people can give us a bit of peace and let us get on with winning the title," he said.

That title, which would be Liverpool's ninth in the last 13 years, should come a step nearer on Saturday.

Liverpool has allowed just two teams to sneak a tie at its Anfield home in 14 games, while Wimbledon has shown inconsistent away form.

While Liverpool and Wimbledon do battle at Anfield, second-placed Manchester United hosts struggling West

Ham United, Everton travels to bottom club Watford, Nottingham Forest visits eighth-placed Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal travels to lowly Derby and Queens Park Rangers visit relegation-threatened Portsmouth.

The other division one matchups on Saturday are Charlton Athletic-Oxford United, Chelsea-Southampton, Newcastle United-Coventry City and Norwich City-Sheffield Wednesday. The Charlton-Oxford game is likely to be a fierce relegation dog-fight.

With only one defeat in its last six games, Charlton, which narrowly missed relegation last season, has clambered out of the bottom three for the first time in more than a year.

But Oxford, which also flirted with relegation last term, has failed to win in 16 games and has slipped to next-to-bottom in the standings.

In Scotland, Premier Division leader Glasgow Celtic bids to extend its six-point lead over rival Rangers with a home game against Dundee United. Rangers visit Dundee.

## Sweden retain European title

PARIS, March 23, (Reuters): Star-studded Sweden retained their men's team title but had to withstand a fierce challenge from England which threatened to dethrone the holders in the final at the European Table-tennis Championships yesterday.

England, promoted from the Second Division at the last championships in 1986, inflicted agonies of doubt on the Swedes as they hit back midway through the match and signalled a real chance of a major upset.

But the Swedes rallied, and reigning European singles champion Joergen Persson capped a night of personal triumph by collecting his third win.

## English MPs call for sanctions on Botham

LONDON, March 23, (Reuters): Members of Parliament called on English cricket's governing body to take action against Test all-rounder Ian Botham after he was fined in an Australian court today.

Botham was fined 800 Australian dollars (\$590) in Perth after admitting charges of assault and offensive behaviour during a domestic Australian flight last week.

Conservative MP Gerald Howarth said the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) should "take careful note of this case and consider what action to take. I think some kind of disciplinary action is deserved, possibly suspension for a number of games when the English cricket season gets under way."

"People who are looked up to, like him, should set an example and not behave like louts."

Another Conservative MP, Irvine Patnick, said: "The board should certainly consider taking some action. After all he sets the lifestyle for millions of youngsters who emulate him."

The TCCB have asked for a full report from their Australian counterparts on Botham's behaviour.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said: "I'm not going to speculate as to what may or may not happen following receipt of the report. We may not receive it until after Easter and it would be wrong to comment until then."

Botham, who has just completed the first season of a three-year contract with Queensland, was fined earlier this month by the Australian Cricket Board following an on-field row and faces a further investigation after a dressing-room incident in Tasmania.

Botham last week grabbed a passenger in a headlock and shook him violently after he was



Botham: pleaded guilty

told to tone down obscene and offensive language, prosecutor Jeff Scholz told the Perth magistrate's court.

Botham, was travelling with his team between Melbourne and Perth on March 15 when the incident occurred.

He was originally charged with two counts of assault and one of disorderly conduct. Today one of the assault charges was dropped and the charge of disorderly conduct was changed to offensive behaviour.

Australian former Test cricketer Greg Ritchie, also charged with offensive behaviour during the same flight, pleaded not guilty.

Ritchie's case was postponed until October 17.

Scholz said Botham's language had worsened during a heated argument with Australian team captain Allan Border.

A passenger sitting in front of Botham had turned and said to him: "Come on fella, keep it down — it's becoming a bit common in here."

Botham leaned over and told the man to mind his own business, Scholz said, adding: "He then grabbed him by the scalp and hair and shook his head from side to side forcefully on several occasions."

Botham told another passenger: "You — eyes to the front and shut up, or you'll be next." He had also abused a woman passenger.

Lawyer John Staude, for Botham, said the cricketer had later apologised to the man, Alan Winter, and felt remorse and deep regret for his actions.

## Richards expected to be fit for Test



Richards: recovers quickly

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, March 23, (Reuters): Vivian Richards has made such a speedy recovery from an operation that he is confidently expected to be fit to lead West Indies in the Test series against Pakistan starting next week.

Richards underwent surgery in a Kingston hospital more than a week ago to remove an abscess and the West Indian captain, a fitness fanatic, surprised doctors with the speed of his recovery.

## Stayed

He was allowed to leave the hospital last Thursday, two days earlier than expected, and stayed with friends for two days before returning home to Antigua last Saturday.

West Indies team manager Jackie Hendricks spoke of

Richard's immediate prospects after his team's second drubbing of Pakistan in three days in Port of Spain, to lead 4-0 in the five-match one-day series.

"Viv is apparently recuperating well and although he is unlikely to play the final one-day international in Guyana on March 30, we are very confident he will be fit to lead the side for the Test series," said Hendricks.

The opening game of the three-Test rubber starts in Georgetown on April 2, and already fears have been expressed about the state of the Bourda pitch.

The ground has been resurfaced recently, with the whole of the playing area raised by several inches and new drainage put in. The Test pitch is apparently uneven, sloping from end to end.

The Bourda ground once had the most bland pitches in the Caribbean, but only three weeks ago the president of the Guyana Cricket Board of Control said the pitch in its present state reminded him of the Madras wicket in January, where West Indies capitulated to leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani.

## Record

Richards said at the time that the Indian slow bowler, who equalled Australian Bob Masie's record of 16 wickets on a Test debut, was a long way short of the class of Abdul Qadir.

The Pakistani leg-spinner must be eagerly anticipating his first bowl at Bourda, where the touring team start a four-day match tomorrow against a West Indies Board XI.

## Gatting wants to remain captain against W. Indies

LONDON, March 23, (Reuters): Mike Gatting returned from New Zealand today determined to lead England in the Test series against the West Indian cricketers this summer despite failing to win any of his last 13 Tests in charge.

Gatting, without a Test victory since winning the Ashes in Australia 15 months ago, said: "If I am asked to captain England again, I would have no hesitation in accepting... I'm very happy to carry on if the selectors want me."

## Producing

The England skipper blamed slow pitches with low bounce and poor weather for not producing at least one victory in the dull, three-match Test series with New Zealand which ended in stalemate.

But he said he derived much

satisfaction from the trip and added: "We left these shores with a young side and it did not help early on when Neil Foster was forced out with injury."

"But players like Paul Jarvis and Martyn Moxon, and Neil Fairbrother in the one-day games, came through with flying colours."

"I know the Tests were not very exciting, but that had a lot to do with the wickets and the weather."

After a high-pressure English winter campaign of seven Tests and 15 one-day internationals, including the World Cup, Gatting again called for more careful planning of overseas tours.

"It can't be done overnight, but hopefully a suitable formula will come about that will be good for the players and the cricket boards."

## Younis calls on Imran to resign

NAIROBI, March 23, (Reuters): Pakistani international cricketer Younis Ahmed called on Pakistan's captain Imran Khan yesterday to resign after Pakistan's losing performances in the one-day series against West Indies.

Pakistan trail West Indies 4-0 in the five-match one-day series in the Caribbean.

"Imran should resign immediately and either Javed Miandad or Mudassar Nazar or myself appointed to captain the national team," Younis, who is on holiday in Kenya, said in a statement to Reuters.

Younis, who played for Pakistan against India last



Imran: criticised

year, also criticised Imran's bowling in the fourth one-day match.

"It must have been a devastating experience for the Pakistani team to see their captain slog around the park, giving away 76 runs in eight overs, including three sixes and eight fours," he said.

## Greek wins Australian ultramarathon

MELBOURNE, March 23, (Reuters): Greece's Yiannis Kouros overcame severe conditions and a big time handicap to win his third 1,015-km Sydney-to-Melbourne ultramarathon today.

Five days of running in 30 degree-plus heat after giving the 43 other competitors a 12-hour start left Kouros bedraggled but triumphant.

"I've never run in weather like this. This morning I was sick. I was dead," Kouros croaked to reporters after crossing the finish line at a suburban shopping mall.

Kouros, nicknamed "The Greek Streak" by Australian newspapers, finished in five days 17 hours.

He collected \$18,500 for winning and a \$3,700 bonus for beating the handicap. He slept no more than four hours total during the race.

After slowing to a stagger early yesterday with severely blistered feet, muscle spasms and exhaustion, Kouros came alive at the end, jumping and skipping over the finish line.

His nearest challenger, New Zealand's Dick Tout, led for most of the race but was overtaken by Kouros yesterday morning.

Tout was expected to finish at least three hours or 25-km behind Kouros followed by Yugoslav Duson Mravljic, another 30-km back.

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